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HEZBOLLAH STRIKES DEEP INSIDE ISRAEL

Hezbollah fired over 100 rockets across a wider and deeper area of northern Israel, with some landing near Haifa, injuring three. The rocket barrage set off air raid sirens across Israel, sending thousands of people scrambling into shelters. Tensions have escalated sharply after the recent pager and walkie-talkie explosions and an Israeli air strike that killed a Hezbollah commander in Beirut. The UN warned that the region is on the brink of "an imminent catastrophe" | P11

Quad calls for rules-based order

To expand maritime ties, concerned over situation in South China Sea

YESHI SELI @New Delhi

AMID Chinese military posturing in the Indo-Pacific, Quad leaders on Sunday decided to expand maritime security cooperation in the region and expressed concerns over the situations in the East and South China Seas.

Though China was not named by any of the leaders, the White House had earlier indicated that it would be high on the agenda of discussions during the annual meeting of the grouping in Wilmington, Delaware

"We are seriously concerned about the situation in the East and South China Seas. We continue to express our serious concern about the militarisation of disputed features, and coercive and intimidating maneuvers in the South China Sea," the leaders said in a joint declaration.

They condemned "dangerous maneuvers" in the region. "We condemn the dangerous use of coast guard and maritime militia vessels, including increasing use of dangerous maneuvers," the Quad Wilmington Declaration said. Recently, Philippine vessels were allegedly rammed by Chinese coast guard ships in the South China Sea.

During his address, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the "Quad supports rules-based international order, respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, and the peaceful resolution of all issues."

"Our meeting is taking place at a time when the world is surrounded by tensions and conflicts. In such a situation, it is crucial for the Quad to unite around our shared democratic values for the greater good of humanity. We are not against anyone," Modi said.

President Joe Biden said Quad is more strategically aligned and delivering more positive impact across the Indo-Pacific than ever before.

"Four years after my proposal to elevate Quad, the US, India, Japan, Australia, are more strategically aligned and delivering more positive impact across the Indo-Pacific than ever before. While challenges will come and the world will change, the Quad is here to stay," he wrote on X.

Later, Modi met members of the Indian diaspora in New York. "Just yesterday, President Biden took me to his home in Delaware. His affection, his warmth, it was a moment that touched my heart. This respect is for the 140 billion Indians. This respect is for you, for your achievement," he told them.

PM Narendra Modi greets Indian community members at Nassau Veterans Coliseum in New York, on Sunday. Over 13,000 Indian-Americans were present | PTI

Drone deal on track, new semicon plant in Kolkata

Signalling that the US is keen to strengthen ties with India, President Joe Biden highlighted the progress in India's procurement of 31 long-endurance MQ-9B armed drones from defence major General Atomics and the setting up of a semiconductor plant in Kolkata. During his interaction with PM Narendra Modi, he held talks covering key aspects of India-US ties, including ways to further ramp up bilateral defence and military engagement. The US had approved the sale of 31 MQ-9B drones to Indian military for around $4 billion in February. Out of these, 16 are for the Indian Air Force and 15 for the Navy. The salient feature of the drones is that these can operate in pin-drop silence and fly as close as 250 metres from the ground. According to reports, some more small details are to be worked out and both sides are likely to formally conclude the deal by next month. As for the semiconductor fabrication plant in Kolkata, both Modi and Biden hailed it as a watershed arrangement. "The plant will be established with support from India Semiconductor Mission as well as strategic technology partnership between Bharat Semi, 3rdiTech and US Space force," the White House said.

SRI LANKA PICKS DISSANAYAKE AS PRESIDENT TO FIX ECONOMY

DILRUKSHI HANDUNNETTI
Award-winning journalist and lawyer, founder and director of the Colombo-based Center for Investigative Reporting (CIR)

COLOMBO: National Peoples' Power (NPP) candidate Anura Kumara Dissanayake, 56, was on Sunday declared president-elect by the Election Commission of Sri Lanka at the Election Secretariat in Colombo. Addressing election officials, presidential candidates, and political party representatives, Dissanayake promised to usher in a new political culture and strive to serve 22 million Sri Lankans "with deep commitment and respect" and to create a new political culture that celebrates political differences and honours people's dignity and rights.

Dissanayake, who polled 5,634,915 votes (42.31%), was declared winner after a second preferential count, as none of the candidates reached the constitutionally required 50% plus 1 vote. In the second preferential count, he obtained 105,264 votes. His main rival, Opposition Leader and leader of the Samagi Jana Balawegaya Sajith Premadasa, polled 4,363,035 votes (32.76%) and 107,867 second preference votes.

He noted the need to amend the election laws to enable certain sections of the public such as migrant workers to be able to vote, and promised to accord it high priority. However, he said it would not be possible to pass these amendments before the next bunch of elections.

"Our country is unstable in many ways. There are economic, political, social, geopolitical challenges before us. They need to be addressed with care. But to address them, the NPP believed the rulers have to be mandated by the people. Without a public mandate, it becomes a distorted administration as we witnessed recently," he said. P9

EXPRESS READ

2 held for Arabic text on Tricolour in Koppal

Koppal: The Koppal police arrested two youth for replacing the Ashoka Chakra on the national flag with an Arabic sentence. Though the incident occurred two days after Eid Milad, it came to light on Friday night after photos went viral | P3

SIT to probe Tirumala laddu adulteration

Vijayawada: A Special Investigation Team headed by an Inspector General of Police and above rank officer will be constituted by the Andhra Pradesh government to probe into the adulteration of the Tirumala temple Laddu Prasdam, CM N Chandrababu Naidu said | P7

10-yr-old comes under playground gate, dies

RAKSHITH GOWDA @Bengaluru

BECAUSE of sheer negligence and lack of maintenance by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), a 10-year-old boy tragically died after a 10-foot-tall iron gate fell on him at a BBMP playground on Sunday evening.

The incident occurred when the boy went to cycle at the Rajashankar playground in Malleswaram, prompting citizens to slam the BBMP for its negligence in maintaining the playground, where hundreds, mostly children, visit every day.

The deceased, Niranjan, was the son of Priya, a homemaker, and Vijay, an autorickshaw driver. The family stays in Vivekananda Block on Datthathreya Temple Street. Niranjan was a fifth-grade student at a government school in Malleswaram. He has a sister.

The police said Niranjan went to the playground with his friend around 4 pm. The gate has a smaller opening for people to walk through. But as he wanted to take his bicycle inside, he pushed the gate and it fell on him, causing severe injuries.

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D Gukesh was in stellar form during the Chess Olympiad this edition | PTI

Chess Olympiad: Men, women create history

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Chennai

LATE on Saturday, Viswanathan Anand had posted his congratulations to the Indian Open team for winning the chess Olympiad. Minutes later, he had posted a clarification as it wasn't mathematically over.

Hours into Sunday's final round, the Open team, led by D Gukesh, completed formalities as they monstered the Slovenian side 3.5-0.5 to rubber-stamp their authority. If their gold wasn't much of a surprise — they were one of the favourites — that was followed by a famous double as the women's team beat Azerbaijan by a similar margin to script yet another piece of history. Going into the final round in Budapest, the Open team was sole leader by two clear points. The players also enjoyed a clear advantage on tie-breaks. It was such a big advantage that in the team meeting before the Slovenia game they were kind of celebrating. On Sunday, Gukesh and Co. 'forced ourselves' to refocus. Arjun Erigaisi came with a funky opening while Gukesh started enjoying a fairly big advantage over Vladimir Fedoseev, who had taken down Magnus Carlsen a few days ago. P13

Shri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka

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Department of Health and Family Welfare
Transport Department
Karnataka State Road Safety Authority

Shri. D. K. Shivakumar
Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister of Karnataka

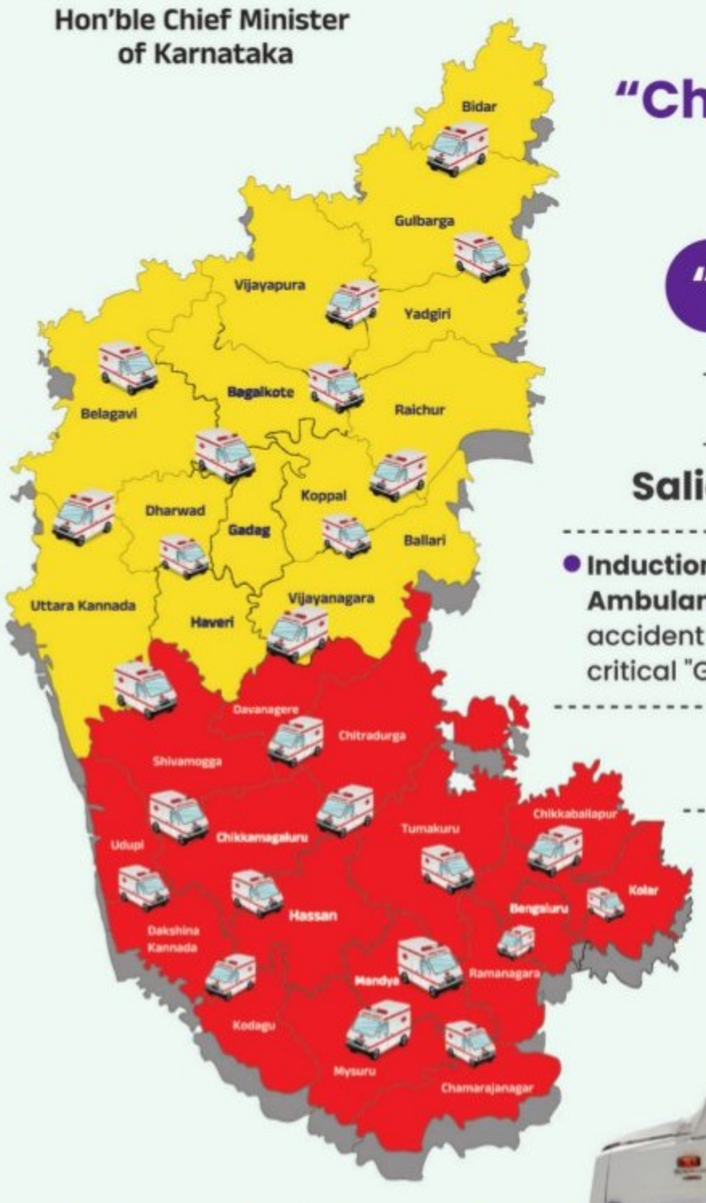
Induction of 65 New Ambulances under the
"Chief Minister's Emergency Ambulance Service (CEAS)"
by Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Siddaramaiah

" Safe Road Traffic - Steps Towards Zero Accidents "

Date: 23.09.2024 | Time: 11.00 AM | Venue: Vidhana Soudha Grand Steps, East Gate

Salient Features of Chief Minister's Emergency Ambulance Service (CEAS):

- Induction of 65 New Ambulances to transport accident victims during the critical "Golden Hour"
- Karnataka Road Safety Authority Fund of ₹45 crore for the year 2024-25 is allocated to support accident control and road safety measures
- Multisectoral Convergence for Safety Measures is a part of the strategy to coordinate between various departments like Home, Transport, Public Works, Education and Health and Family Welfare.
- Ambulances placed at district and taluk hospitals near highways
- Fully equipped with medical supplies to provide emergency care FREE OF COST



Chief Minister's Emergency Ambulance Service (CEAS)
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Health & Family Welfare Services
Transport Department
Karnataka State Road Safety Authority

Shri Dinesh Gundurao, Hon'ble Health Minister
Shri Ramalinga Reddy, Hon'ble Transport Minister
participating in the departmental program

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Monday: 23.09.2024 • Year: Krodhi • Ayana: Dakshinayana
Ritu: Varsha • Masa: Bhadrapada • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Shashti 7.16 pm
Nakshatra: Rohini 4.11 am • Moon in Mithuna Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am
Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 21°C | MAX 28°C
FORECAST
A few tstorms. Overcast.
Sunrise 06.08 am
Sunset 06.14 pm
Moonrise 10.45 pm
Moonset 11.11 am

GATE WHICH KILLED BOY HAD COLLAPSED SEVERAL TIMES

Crashed four times in last ten years; BBMP accused of negligence

The gate which fell on Niranjan at Rajashankar Playground on Sunday; Priya shows a picture of her son | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

AKNISREE KARTHIK @Bengaluru

THE tragic death of 10-year-old Niranjan after a gate fell on him at Rajashankar Playground in Malleswaram has jolted the public. But this is not the first time that the playground gate collapsed. Regular users of the playground said the gate and the metal angle attaching it to the pillar was rusted and should have been repaired long ago. They accused the BBMP of negligence and demanded that guilty officials be punished.

Local residents said the gate has crashed at least four times in the last ten years. This, despite the BBMP claiming to have carried out maintenance and development work. It raises serious questions about BBMP's quality of work, they added. "We send our children to playgrounds and parks to play and not die. The city has only few parks and even those have many issues. The slides, and swings are worn out and electric wires are left exposed in many parks. Officials should conduct inspections and carry out maintenance work. The BBMP must fix these issues before more such tragedies occur," said Venkatesh, a parent.

'Child Protection Committee must in every ward'

Bengaluru-based child rights activist G Nagasimha Rao said civic agencies have ignored the safety of children that has led to several deaths.

"According to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), parks and playgrounds should be child-friendly. Swings, slides, benches, drinking water facilities, and toilets should be safe and child-friendly. These facilities should not pose a danger to those who use them," he said.

Playgrounds and equipment should be inspected and maintained by civic authorities regularly. The frequency of such work should be based on the number of children visiting these facilities, he added.

He demanded that every ward in the city should have a child protection committee, as per the centrally sponsored Integrated Child Protection scheme. These committees should be tasked with inspecting parks and playgrounds and address complaints from parents and the public. Even with the Malleswaram park, where Niranjan died, the residents had filed several complaints. If they had been taken seriously, Sunday's tragedy could have been avoided, he said.

Civic activist Sandeep Anirudhan said, "Our public assets are not monitored or maintained properly, largely because the process is centralised. We need local ward committees to monitor and manage local assets. This way, they can be better managed and supervised, preventing such incidents in the future."

Report of incident sought

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao visited the playground and later met Niranjan's parents.

When told that several complaints about the gate went unattended, Rao said that a report has been sought to identify those responsible for the negligence. When TNIE contacted BBMP West Zone Chief Engineer Shashikumar, he said, "The incident occurred in Datthathreya Temple Ward (Ward No. 77). The reason of the gate's collapse is still under investigation. I have instructed the Executive Engineer to prepare a detailed report. Based on the findings, we will act against those responsible," he said.

NEGLIGENCE AND DEATHS

Previous incidents of deaths due to negligence by govt bodies

2011 12-year-old Devaraj was electrocuted when he switched off the lights at Nayandahalli Park

2016 6-year-old Vikram Kumar died after a stone bird bath fell on his head at Lalbagh

2017 13-year-old Priya suffered head injuries after a slide crashed on her in a BBMP park in MVJ Layout at Mahadevapura

'Contractors get paid, but don't work'

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His young friend and passers-by rushed him to KC General Hospital, where he succumbed due to severe blood loss and serious head injuries.

The hospital staff said Niranjan was still breathing when he was brought to the hospital by his 10-year-old friend and an autorickshaw driver. CPR was done and doctors started treating him, but he succumbed as he had lost a lot of blood.

His mother Priya told *TNIE* that Niranjan left home around 3.45 pm with a friend. Around 30 minutes later, she received the devastating news that her son had died after the playground gate crashed on him.

Members of the Shirur Park Residents' Association said contractors often receive payments from the government, but fail to carry out necessary work. Over the last 10 years, the playground has been renovated four times, yet no significant changes have been made. There are no CCTV cameras or security guards, and even the rusted gate was repainted, which fell, claiming the life of the boy, they said.

Prakash, a resident of Malleswaram, said the gate had fallen twice before, but the authorities took no action. Another member of the association noted that the playground is small, and a drain was constructed inside it, instead of utilising the drain outside the park.

The Malleswaram police registered a case under Section 106 (causing death by negligence) of the BNS against unnamed BBMP officials. "We will initiate action against those who are responsible for maintaining the playground," the police said.

CJI: We are a generation of short-term gratification

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STUDIES have shown that we have become a generation of short-term gratification. The difficulties of the rapidly changing world, climate change, new modes of entertainment such as social media and an eagerness to change social evils are making us seek short-term results for complex societal problems," Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud said on Sunday, while addressing the 32nd annual convocation of the National Law School of India University, Bengaluru.

He added that while the urge to seek immediate results might be natural, in the long run they are unsustainable. "There is a dire need to evolve institutions in the country, however, changes in good institutions in a stable democracy take place incrementally," Chandrachud said.

The CJI also highlighted the importance of patience and self-belief which act as an anchor for testing the legal profession. "The stress law students have to undergo in deciding which moot court competition to enter, which internships to pursue, which electives or how to balance that college party with a paper due at midnight... In such moments of uncertainty, one's character is forged," he explained.

Encouraging students, Chandrachud said failure is not the opposite of success, but a part of it. He called the youth the "semiconductors" of a transformative age India is stepping into. Attorney General of India R Venkataramani highlighted the need for young lawyers to balance a humanistic approach and embrace legal technology.

This year, 1,079 students graduated from various academic programmes at NLSIU, with 48 receiving gold medals, while 850 students also graduated from the online and hybrid education programmes. Aditi Vishwas Sheth secured the highest (8) medals with the title 'Best Outgoing Student,' followed by Saumya Singh with 7 medals and the title of 'Best Undergraduate Student.'

Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud with others during the foundation-laying ceremony of the JSW Academic Block at NLSIU in Bengaluru | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

CJI lays foundation stone for academic block at NLSIU

Bengaluru: The Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud laid the foundation stone for the JSW Academic Block at the National Law School of India University (NLSIU) on Sunday. Under the proposed plan, the existing building will be transformed into a multi-storey structure, providing state-of-the-art lecture theatres, seminar rooms, faculty offices, and collaborative research spaces. The JSW grant will fund both the work at the Academic Block and the establishment of the 'JSW Centre for the Future of Law', a cutting-edge research hub designed to address emerging challenges and opportunities posed by technological advancements in the legal field. The Centre aims to spearhead research on issues such as artificial intelligence, digital privacy, automation, and the ethical implications of these emerging technologies. It will foster collaboration between academia, government bodies, regulatory authorities, and the private sector to develop new models of legal regulation and incubate cutting-edge legal technologies. Sajjan Jindal, Chairman & Managing Director of JSW Group, said, "The development of the Academic Block and the establishment of the JSW Centre for the Future of Law is not just about infrastructure, but also about preparing the next generation of legal professionals. This partnership aligns with our vision of supporting initiatives that have a lasting impact on nation-building."

Sweet intake surges in Indian homes: Survey

ENS @Bengaluru

TO promote healthier choices amid rising sugar consumption, a survey was conducted to understand sweet consumption patterns in Indian households.

The survey conducted by the LocalCircles, aimed to explore whether there has been a shift in preferences, particularly towards lower sugar products, as sugar intake continues to spike, with annual sugar consumption now reaching up to 29 million tonnes, according to the Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD). The survey revealed that 51% of urban households consume traditional Indian sweets three or more times a month, up from 41% in 2023. Moreover, 56% of respondents reported consuming bakery and packaged sweet products at least three times a month, with 18% consuming them daily. The survey gathered over 36,000 responses from households across 311 districts. The survey highlighted that 55% of respondents would welcome a reduction of 25-75% in sugar levels. To develop low sugar variants that could not only appeal to health-conscious consumers but also avoid having their products classified as ultra-processed or high in fat, sugar, or salt (HFSS).

BENGALURU REMEMBERS VALOROUS MYSORE LANCERS ON HAIFA DAY

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

AS Bengaluru prepares to celebrate Haifa Day on Monday (September 23), honouring one of the most extraordinary cavalry charges in military history, the story of the valorous Mysore Lancers is remembered.

The Lancers, the personal soldiers of the Mysore Maharaja, stormed the battlefield in an act of bravery that not only changed the course of World War I but saved the sacred city of Haifa and rescued the Bahá'í faith's spiritual leader from imminent death. On September 23, 1918, armed with only lances and swords, the Lancers faced the firepower of Ottoman Turkish and German troops, riding headfirst into a mission that seemed impossible: capture Haifa, the last Ottoman stronghold, and save Abdul Baha, son of the Bahá'u'lláh.

The Lancers triumphed. They not only secured Haifa with minimal casualties but also captured over 1,350 enemy troops, cementing their place in military legend. For 106 years, the contributions of these unsung heroes have been celebrated on Haifa Day.

It is also a tale of humanity, and of a rescue that transcended religious and national borders. Abdul Baha, moments away from execution, was saved by the swift, selfless courage of the Lancers. Without their intervention, the Bahá'í faith would have faced a devastating blow. Former Bangalore police commissioner Bhaskar Rao recalled the heroics of his great granduncle, "Harohalli Subba Rao participated in this operation and the one to save oilfields in Iran." Mysore Lancers Heritage Foundation secretary Anil Raje Urs said, "The Bahá'í community owes a debt of gratitude to Mysore Maharaja Nalvadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, who selected and sent his most trusted commanders, Col J Desraj Urs and Lt Col Chamaraj Urs, to lead this critical mission. He raised a force of 700 soldiers and contributed a staggering Rs 50 lakh to the war effort.

Dinesh Rao, head of the Bahai community, said, "Baha'is salute the Mysore cavalry, who fought valiantly to save Abdul Baha and city of Haifa. Baha'i faith stands for unity of mankind, the fundamental theme of the Hindu philosophy, Vasudaiva Kutumbakam."

The Lancers captured over 1,350 enemy troops, cementing their place in military legend. For 106 years, the contributions of these unsung heroes have been celebrated on Haifa Day —Sources

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

23RD September : Geminian patterns take centre stage today, a sign that choices abound. The best approach is to gather as much information as possible, and get a good grip on the facts. Plus, take family members into your confidence and let them know how you are feeling.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Venus has been conferring on you all the strength you need to determine the pace of events and deal with complex issues. If it suits your plans, you may now coast along and wait for those who are less sure of themselves to recover rapidly from whatever troubles them.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
A number of planetary changes are on the way, and you can be confident that whatever has been ailing or bothering you is soon to be resolved. Determined action may be necessary to shift a log-jam, though. I am sure you have it in you to give whatever it takes.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You are probably beginning to feel as if you are driven along by forces beyond your control. Today is likely to bring an emotional phase and there is nothing to be gained from concealing your true feelings. But, then, you've probably learnt that by now.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
There is no point in pretending that professional success does not matter to you. You must still be prepared to face certain harsh situations head-on, confident in the understanding that whatever the outcome, your long-term interests are being protected.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Stay one step ahead of the planets and turn your attention to your professional hopes and ambitions. Whether you are directly involved in impending changes or not, this may come to be one of the most rewarding and exciting periods you have ever experienced.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Now that Mercury, a planet with a special meaning in your life, is about to adjust its position, you should attempt to stand well back and see the overall direction of your life rather than the personal conflicts or upsets which have so often preoccupied you.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
A number of important planets are beginning to relax their grip on your sign, and what once seemed like a nightmare or the end of the world, will now begin to look more like a blessing in disguise. This week's lunar alignments, though, will push you back on to the right course.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
It often happens that several planets shift their positions at the same time, and this is when your mood is likely to swing from one extreme to another. The trick is to remain alert to the ebb and flow of fortune, and stay in tune intuitively with the developing planetary harmonies.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
The current period, in which partners seem to be taking the lead with more and more confidence, is now destined to intensify. This is why co-operation must be your priority if you are not prepared to risk a split. And, if you are, then you must be aware of what you're letting yourself in for.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
You know well enough that you have a wonderfully practical side to your character, and deep down this is why you realise that certain involvements have had their day. It may be time to make a break, perhaps a psychological one, with past personal associations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
It seems very much as if you will only have yourself to blame if a professional relationship turns sour. Perhaps the message is that you should concentrate on home and family duties more than in the past - and not let worldly pressures intervene so much.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You are approaching a phase in which discussions and negotiations will be crucial to the success or failure of your plans. It will not be enough merely to follow your intuition or do something 'because it feels right'. You need to have some backing from the facts as well.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle ⬇

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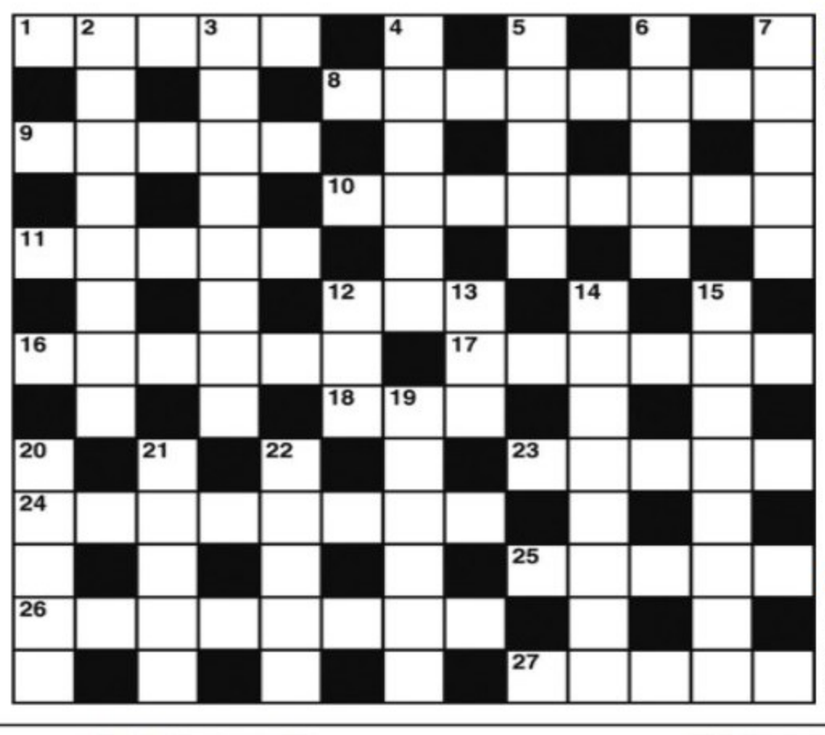
TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Strange how millrace ends in the lake (5)
8 Party policy won't be one's main interest (8)
9 Being underground makes men go wild (5)
10 Display skill in flying machines (8)
11 Dusty sort of room (5)
12 A birdcage (3)
16 Engine gives out before the Spanish final (6)
17 How to tell it's playing well? (6)
18 Wages in retirement? Just talk (3)
23 Names new source of funds (5)
24 Shot by firing squad and carried out (8)
25 One kitchen container as put in another (5)
26 Braids in newest design (8)
27 Wide awake to a siren call (5)

DOWN
2 Nobel prize winner of the naughty nineties? (8)
3 Swirling mist hides the way forward (8)
4 Do this in arithmetic to rule (6)
5 Chewed up cheap fruit (5)
6 I'd lifted the front part of a seat (5)
7 Slow movement produced no advance (5)
12 Manipulate thickness (3)
13 Drink spirits for severe cold (3)
14 Last despite great efforts (5,3)
15 Countries may share it between them (8)
19 Fish cooked inside and covered in oil (6)
20 Drive off quietly during dance (5)
21 Yet I'd be converted to God (5)
22 Flinch though still game (5)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Earthbound, 6 Blow, 10 Hover, 11 Ululation, 12 Brandish, 13 Eagle, 15 Ailment, 17 Special, 19 Sweater, 21 Desists, 22 Robin, 24 Preamble, 27 Discloses, 28 Cleft, 29 Eden, 30 Head waiter.

Down: 1 Echo, 2 Riverside, 3 Heron, 4 Oculist, 5 Noughts, 7 Lying, 8 Wanderlust, 9 Nameless, 14 Cat's cradle, 16 Entangle, 18 Insolvent, 20 Riposte, 21 Dressed, 23 Baste, 25 Mocha, 26 Stir.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

"_____" THE _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: OUTDO BERET DRAGON JALOPY
Answer: The attractive new fashion model wasn't perfect, but she was doing a — PRETTY GOOD JOB

Three persons died while six others sustained injuries when a jeep hit a truck near Setdinne Gate under the Chikballapur police limits on Sunday. The deceased have been identified as Mohammed Bari (43), Rajija Shanin (5) and Moullana Shahid (55)

Mahalakshmi's estranged hubby smells paramour's role in crime

Victim visited husband Hemant Das 25 days ago to meet daughter

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A police officer watches over the scene of crime in Vyalikaval | VINOD KUMAR T

HEMANT Das, the estranged husband of Mahalakshmi -- whose body was chopped into pieces and was stuffed into a refrigerator, said his wife had an illicit relationship and he suspected her paramour's role in the cold-blooded murder.

Speaking to reporters at the Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital mortuary, where an autopsy was conducted on Sunday, Das claimed that he last saw Mahalakshmi around 25 days ago when she went to his shop in Nelamangala to see their daughter. "We were married for six years and separated nine months ago due to differences. Mahalakshmi had filed a case against me at the Nelamangala police station in December over a dispute. After we separated, she stayed alone in Vyalikaval. On Friday, the landlord called and informed me about the foul smell coming from the first floor, where she lived. I informed Mahalakshmi's mother, who went to check on Saturday and found her body chopped and stuffed in the refrigerator," Das said.

He said Mahalakshmi had an illicit relationship with Ashraf from Uttarakhand, who was working in a salon in Nelamangala. Das alleged that he suspects Ashraf's role behind the murder. He said Mahalakshmi had filed a blackmail complaint against Ashraf at the Seshadripuram police station a few months ago. Mahalakshmi's younger brother said she was last seen on WhatsApp on September 4. Her sister Sayeeda, who said she was not speaking to Mahalakshmi for almost a year, said the family demands justice.

The police have formed five teams to investigate the case. They are questioning those who were close to the victim and analysing footage captured by over 150 CCTVs. The police are yet to find Mahalakshmi's mobile phone, which is believed to be taken by the killer. Also, the weapon used to commit the murder and further mutilate the body is also not yet found. The police recorded the statement of the family members on Sunday.

Ascertaining cause of death a challenge for forensic experts

RAKSHITH GOWDA @ Bengaluru

THE gruesome murder of **Mahalakshmi**, whose body was dismembered into several pieces and stuffed in a refrigerator, has not only shocked commoners, but also forensic experts, who conduct autopsies on a regular basis.

The body of the 29-year-old woman, which was cut into more than 40 pieces, has perplexed the medical staff, who conduct several autopsies a day. "This is definitely a very rare case, which I have not seen in my career of over 25 years," said a forensic pathologist, who recalled that he had conducted the autopsy on a body, which was cut into 10 pieces several years ago.

He opined that giving an accurate report in such cases is a bit difficult, as the examiners will have to go through each and every part of the mutilated body. "One of the purposes of an autopsy is to ascertain the cause of death. It will be an easy task if the body is not cut into pieces in murder cases, as we can identify stab injuries, ligature marks, fractures or even signs of struggle on the body. We can also know the kind of weapon used to commit the murder. However, in this case, it is very difficult to know the exact cause of death. The examiners will have to go through each part of the body," he said.

Another doctor said the examiners will have to examine the organs, like heart, kidney, etc, if they are intact, to ascertain whether they suffered a blow in the attack, which caused the death. "The fractures suffered will also help in finding the cause of death. As the body has been mutilated, it will be difficult to find out," he added.

However, if the killer had administered any sedatives like a sleeping pill or poisoned her, before chopping the body, it would make the examiners job a bit easier, he opined, adding that a DNA test will have to be conducted in this particular case, while other forensic tests will help the investigators know the exact cause of death.

2 held for Arabic text on Tricolour in Koppal

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @Koppal

THE Koppal police arrested two youth for violating the flag code by replacing the Ashoka Chakra on the national flag with an Arabic sentence. The incident occurred at 9th ward of Yelburga town of Koppal district two days after Eid Milad, but came to light on Friday night after photos of the flag were shared on social media platforms. On Saturday, some people complained to the Yelburga police that the flag, with Arabic text, was flying on top of BB Fathima Dargah. The police visited the spot and asked the dargah authorities to remove it.

Later, Mohammad Danish Kutubuddin Khazi and his brother Mohammad Adinan Khazi were arrested and an FIR was registered.

The accused admitted that they stitched the flag and instead of the Ashoka Chakra in the middle, they wrote 'La Illah Illalla Mohammad Rasul Allah' and Madina Masjid in Arabic.

Residents of the district, who have seen witnessing communal disturbance over the last few days, requested the police to keep a tight vigil to avoid such incidents.

Last week during Eid Milad, a Hindu organisation protested against a banner on which

The Tricolour atop BB Fathima Dargah in Yelburga town of Koppal district, which had Arabic text written on it in the place of the Ashoka Chakra

'Free Palestine' was written. The banner was removed after the police objected to it.

To maintain peace in the district, Muslim and Hindu community leaders have been holding communal harmony meetings.

Shivakumar Hiremath, a Kannada writer and poet who has been creating awareness on communal harmony in Koppal and Vijayanagar districts, said, "We have many people who want peace and communal harmony. But there are others who erect barriers to such moves by indulging in such activities. We are meeting leaders and senior citizens of all communities, asking them to hold peace meetings and to tell people about the importance of festivals and not to use these events to create communal disturbance."

CBI BOOKS CUSTOMS OFFICIAL FOR GRAFT

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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THE CBI on Saturday registered a case against the Superintendent of Customs, posted at Inland Container Depot (ICD), Whitefield, on allegations of illicit enrichment done intentionally during the period of his office.

On reliable information that customs officials of ICD, Whitefield, were accepting illegal gratification and as part of vigilance drive, a joint operation was conducted by officers of the CBI in coordination with officers of the Directorate General of Vigilance, Customs and Central Tax, at the said ICD on September 20 and 21, an official release stated.

During the course of this operation, CBI officials recovered over Rs 25 lakh from the possession of Ramesh Chandra Tripathi, the accused Superintendent of Customs.

Further, search has been conducted at the residential premises of accused in Bengaluru, which led to recovery of incriminating documents. Investigation is continuing, the release added.

DEFT AND DIVINE

Artisans get to work creating idols of Goddess Durga, ahead of Dasara, in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Youth from Nepal drowns in city lake

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A 22-year-old youth, who was swimming in Panathur Lake, drowned as he could not reach the shore after he felt tired midway on Sunday evening. Fire and emergency services personnel recovered the body around 9 pm.

The deceased, Anil, was a resident of Panathur and hailed from Nepal. He worked as a housekeeper at a paying guest accommodation.

The police said three friends — Anil, Dinesh Sharma (26) and Upendra Sharma (24) -- went to the lake in Marathahalli. Anil and Dinesh got into the lake for a swim, while Upendra stayed on the bund and was recording a video. After reaching the middle of the lake, Dinesh swam back to the shore, but Anil could not and drowned, even as Upendra recorded on his mobile phone the horror unspooling in front of him. Dinesh and Upendra alerted the police and fire and emergency services.

Firefighters from Sarjapur Road rushed to the lake and recovered the body after over a four-hour operation. The body was later sent for postmortem.

The police suspected that the youth might have been under the influence of alcohol and Anil was too fatigued to swim back to the shore. The postmortem will reveal the exact reason behind the death as Anil how to swim, the police said. Based on a complaint filed by Anil's parents, a case have been registered at the Marathahalli policed station.

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

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WITH AUTO EXTENSION CLAUSE INCASE OF BID IN LAST 10 MINUTES BEFORE CLOSING

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO TO RULE 8(6) & 6(2), 9(1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES WITH KNOWN ENCUMBRANCES IF ANY

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The borrower / guarantors are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned / sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date : 22.09.2024, Place : Ahmedabad — Sd/- Authorised Officer & Chief Manager, Bank of India

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE III ADDL. SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AND C.J.M. AT TUMKURU
O.S.No.338/2024

PLAINTIFF: M/s. Integrated Food Park Ltd., R/by Authorised Signatory Kiran K.P. **-V/s-**
DEFENDANT:M/s. Happilo International Pvt. Ltd., R/by its Chief Executive Officer Vikas D Nahar.

NOTICE
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT IN THE ABOVE CASE.

Vikas D Nahar, R/by its Chief Executive Officer, M/s. Happilo International Pvt., Ltd., Office at: Ground Floor and First Floor, No.17/A1-2, Maruthi Acase, Behind Reliance Petrol Pump, Industrial Subburb, 2nd Stage, Yeshawanthpura, Bengaluru-560022

WHEREAS, the plaintiff has filed the above suit against the defendant as reliefs sought in the plaintiff. The plaintiff has taken steps against the defendant by way of ordinary summons and RAPD. But even though the defendant residing in the same address as given in the cause title, he is deliberately avoiding to take notice/summons of this Hon'ble Court. Hence Summon issued by way of paper publication.

Take this notice that you are hereby called upon you to appear before the III Addl. Senior Civil Judge and C.J.M. at Tumakuru on **30-10-2024** at 11:00 A.M. Therefore, you are hereby informed to appear on the said date., Failing which the case shall be heard and determined in your absence.

Give under my hand and the seal of the court on 21-09-2024 at tumkuru.

By order of the court, Senior Sheristedar, Senior Civil Judge & CJM court at Tumkuru

GANGARAJA REDDY H.A, SAPTHAGIRISHA B, Advocates
#2, 1st Floor, Balaji Building, 1st Main Road, 5th Cross, K.N. Extension, Yashawantpura, Bengaluru-560022.

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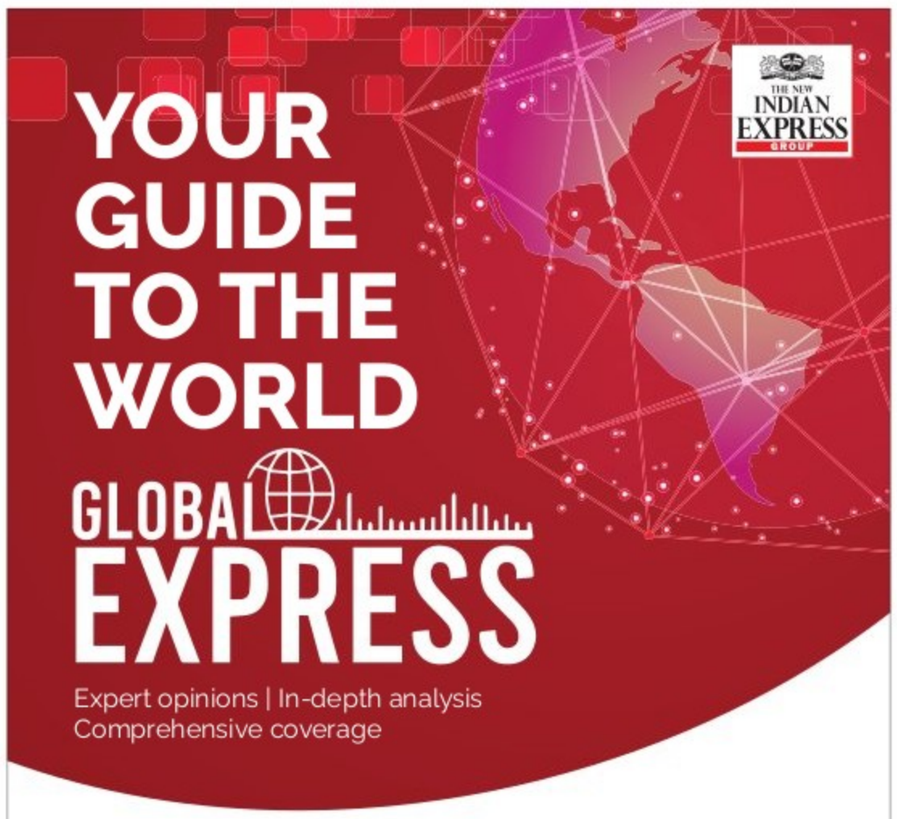

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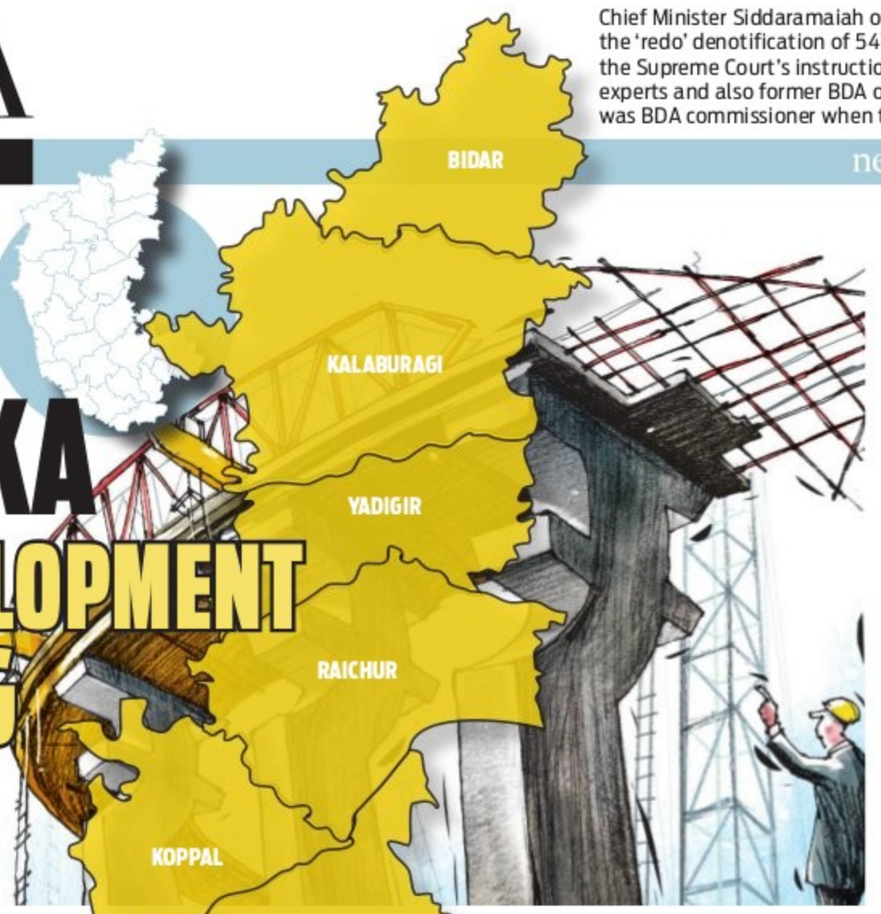
Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Sunday claimed that the BDA did the 'redo' denotification of 541 acres of land in Arkavathy Layout on the Supreme Court's instruction. He held discussions with his legal experts and also former BDA officials, including Sham Bhat, who was BDA commissioner when the denotification (redo) was effected

KALYANA KARNATAKA

WHERE DEVELOPMENT INDICES LAG

Post the Cabinet meeting in Kalaburagi last week, TNIE draws up a report card of KKRDB region



RAMAKRISHNA BADSESHI

AFTER nearly a decade, the Siddaramaiah government held a Cabinet meeting in Kalaburagi on September 17 this year, and announced a slew of 46 projects worth Rs 12,697 crore for the development of Kalyana Karnataka. The region comprises Bidar, Kalaburagi, Yadgir, Raichur, Koppal, Vijayanagar and Ballari districts. The CM also announced that the expert committee constituted under the chairmanship of eminent economist Govind Rao would evaluate the implementation of the Dr DN Nanjundappa Committee recommendations, on addressing regional imbalance. The Rao Committee, that is due to give its report within six months, will also suggest measures to address regional imbalance.

The New Indian Express takes a look at the situation on the ground, challenges and developments in the region since implementation of the Nanjundappa Committee recommendations in 2002, and after the amendment made to Article 371J for redressal of regional imbalance in Kalyana Karnataka in 2013.

HEALTHCARE

CM Siddaramaiah admitted that malnutrition is a major issue among women and children in Kalyana Karnataka districts, and an innovation programme has been developed to improve health in this area. Infant death ratio is also high.

In the past two decades, the government has established many hospitals in all districts of Kalyana Karnataka region, including Jayadeva Institute of Cardiology, and Cancer Hospital and Trauma Care Centre in Kalaburagi. Besides these, many Public Health Centres, CHCs and taluk hospitals have come up in all seven districts, with Kalyana Karnataka Region Development Board (KKRDB) spending Rs 915.50 crore in the past 10 years on the health sector.

Though hospitals have come up, the government has not recruited sufficient staff on a permanent basis, and some of the hospitals and PHCs lack necessary equipment. There are many instances of government hospitals sending back patients due to non-availability of medicine.

Former director of Jayadeva Institute of Cardiology and Bengaluru Rural MP Dr CN Manjunath said that simply constructing hospitals is not enough, the government should ensure sufficient staff and necessary equipment and medicines, only then will the health sector see improvement. Children should be given nutritious food and health authorities should monitor whether nutritious food is reaching the real beneficiaries, he added.

Karnataka State Child Rights Commission member Shashidhar Kosambe said many members of the Commission and some judges of the region have also noticed a lack of proper management of Anganwadis and nutrition not being distributed properly to children and pregnant women.

EDUCATION

Though successive governments kept saying they would improve the education sector in Kalyana Karnataka region, Bidar, Kalaburagi, Yadgir and Raichur districts are lagging behind in SSLC and PU results, and have been in the 25th to 31st position for many years. Yadgir district has the dubious record of remaining in the bottom position for the past few years. This is because of the shortage of teachers. Even today, there are schools in the region with no teachers, and the department makes arrangements to send teachers of neighbouring schools to these schools.

Many schools also lack subject teachers. The government made arrangements for guest teachers at the last moment, which could not serve any purpose. Even Gulbarga University faces a severe staff crunch, with 90 per cent of posts of teaching staff falling vacant, and now the University depends mostly on guest teachers.

KKRDB president Dr Ajay Singh said he could not talk about the past, but after he assumed charge about a year ago, he launched Akshar Avishkara and Akshara Mitra schemes through which KKRDB has started distributing books and appointing teachers on contract basis. We cannot expect improvement all of a sudden, it may take another 2-3 years to see good results, he added.

BIG PICTURE

EMPLOYMENT/ INVESTMENTS

Till date, no big industries have come up in any part of the region, and most of the government departments used to get staff only on outsourced basis and where it was absolutely necessary. This is the main reason for the region lagging behind in most of the sectors.

Sources claim that 1,09,416 posts were lying vacant in various departments 10 years ago in Kalyana Karnataka region. Till date, 79,985 posts have been filled up and about 30,000 posts are still vacant. It is not clear how many of these posts were filled on permanent basis and how many on outsourced basis. The Cabinet meeting held a few days ago decided to fill up 17,430 posts of the region phase-wise, though many say the decision is not clear. Due to the unemployment problem of this region, many rural people migrated to big cities, say experts.

Politicians blame local businessmen for not coming forward to invest and set up industries, while the people blame the government for not taking the initiative to attract investments from outside.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Though the capital of KK region, Kalaburagi, has an airport and most of the districts have rail connectivity, some villages still lack road connectivity. Roads are so bad in some parts that women have delivered babies in ambulances. Schools and Anganwadis in many villages are in bad condition and during the rainy season, either they shut their doors or make arrangements in other places. Government sources say that funds are allocated on the recommendations of MLAs, and works taken up as per their choice.

AGRICULTURE/ IRRIGATION

Red gram is the major crop of Kalaburagi and Bidar districts, while it is paddy and cotton in Yadgir and Raichur districts. Most of the time, farmers of the region face either excess and untimely rainfall or even drought. Due to the unscientific fixing of Minimum Support Price (MSP) for red gram, and a delay in procuring red gram by opening procurement centres, farmers face severe problems and sell their product at a lower rate.

Most of the irrigation projects remained incomplete, and the tail-end farmers were deprived of water for irrigation.

The main demand of organisations and the people is implementation of decisions taken by the Cabinet, implementation of Article 371J, and recommendations made by the Nanjundappa Committee in a time-bound manner and in good spirit.

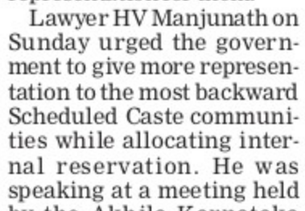
Pig rearing community seeks internal reservation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

WITH the state government planning to implement the classification of Scheduled Caste reservation following a Supreme Court order that states can decide on the issue, the marginalised Handijogi community (pig rearers) in the state has sought adequate representation for them.

Lawyer HV Manjunath on Sunday urged the government to give more representation to the most backward Scheduled Caste communities while allocating internal reservation. He was speaking at a meeting held by the Akhila Karnataka Handijogis Sangh. "If there is a lack of representation for any caste, it means that the community is backward and if internal reservation is implemented, the most backward Scheduled Castes should benefit," he said.

He suggested that Handijogis mention their caste clearly in the caste census so that the government can know the population of the community. "We have to fight to get our share of internal reservation. There is a need to create awareness. Handjogis are socially and educationally backward, severely backward in employment and political fields. In this background, classification of internal reservation should be done," he said.



A meeting of Handijogis in Bengaluru on Sunday

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah offers bagina to the Tungabhadra river on Sunday. DCM DK Shivakumar, ministers Shivaraj Tangadagi and Zameer Ahmed Khan among others were present | EXPRESS

Govt plans to replace all 33 crest gates of TB dam: Siddu

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR
@Munirabad (Koppal)

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Sunday said all 33 crest gates of the Tungabhadra dam will be replaced as soon as possible.

As per an expert committee report, the crest gates are in a bad shape at present and the government will take necessary steps to save the state's oldest dam, he said after felicitating the team that replaced the damaged crest gate number 19 of the dam. The CM and some members of his cabinet also offered bagina to the Tungabhadra river on the occasion.

Siddaramaiah said that after the crest gate was damaged, he was communicating regularly with top officials and district in-charge ministers of Koppal and Vijayanagara, Shivaraj Tangadagi and Zameer Ahmed Khan, respectively.

"By the grace of God and the team of experts, temporary stop logs at the gate were successfully installed," he said.

TB dam is a major water source for agricultural activities in 9,26,438 acres in Karnataka, 6,25,097 acres in Andhra Pradesh and 87,000 acres in Telangana, he said. "Farmers in three states were worried after the crest gate broke. But during my last visit to the dam after the incident, I had said I would come again and offer bagina," he said.

"After the crest gate broke, BJP and other leaders tried to politicise the incident, though it was a technical error. The TB Dam is among the oldest in the state and was constructed in 1953. Crest gates should be changed every 50 years. This is a lesson for everyone," he added.

Deputy Chief Minister and Water Resources Minister DK Shivakumar said the hard work by the expert team of 130 completed an impossible task. "I personally thank all those behind this. We will finish the installation of 33 new crest gates within this year," he added.

SIDDU 1ST CM TO OFFER BAGINA

Siddaramaiah became the first CM to offer bagina to the TB Dam in its 71-year history. After it was constructed in 1953, no CM had offered bagina at the dam.

SIT has full freedom to probe Munirathna: CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Koppal

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah said here on Sunday that the government is not involved in any way in the arrest of BJP MLA Munirathna. "It is his personal matter. What he is facing is due to his faults. The Special Investigation Team was formed after a request from MLAs," he told reporters.

Munirathna has been arrested as per law on charges of rape and honey trapping in three cases, the CM said, adding that retired IPS officer BK Singh is leading the SIT, which was formed to investigate cases against the MLA. "The government is not against anyone and it's clear we are not targeting anyone or doing hate politics. Three FIRs have been registered against the MLA and now it is time to take legal action. The police and SIT have been given complete freedom to investigate the cases," he added.

He claimed that the Arkavathy denotification reports were leaked from the Raj Bhavan, and said Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot has sought a report on the matter. "Once I get the governor's letter, I will discuss the next step," he said.

MLA's supporters threaten witness

Bengaluru: A witness in the rape case registered against Rajarajeshwari Nagar BJP MLA Munirathna was allegedly threatened by the MLA's supporters on Saturday. A case has been registered at Yashwantpur police station in this connection. Two supporters of the MLA allegedly threatened the witness, saying that if he testifies against Munirathna, his house will be set on fire. The son of the witness filed a complaint stating that the supporters of the MLA, including a woman who had contested in the BBMP corporator election and lost, contacted the witness over phone and allegedly threatened him if he testifies against the MLA. Based on his complaint, the Yashwantpur police have registered a case. Munirathna is currently in judicial custody in connection with the rape case registered at the Kaggaliapura police station. ENS

BJP wants medical edu min to resign over 'scam'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

BJP members demanded the resignation of Medical Education Minister Sharanprakash Patil for his alleged involvement in a scam to procure medical equipment, causing loss to the State government.

BJP MLC N Ravikumar said that though in the tender, the Kerala-based agency proposed Rs 49.70 lakh per modular operation theatre, the government has given a work order to the agency that quoted Rs 1.1 crore.

"We are complaining to the Lokayukta on Tuesday, and writing to Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot," he said. He alleged that it is a Rs 117-crore scam.

Ravikumar told reporters on Sunday that minister Patil should take moral responsibility and resign. He demanded that the State government should have the scam probed by a retired judge or an independent agency.

CM to launch KHIR-City project on Sept 26

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah will launch the state government's ambitious Knowledge Health Innovation Research-City (KHIR-City) on Thursday.

Announcing this, Large and Medium Industries MB Patil on Sunday said the project will come up on approximately 2,000 acres between Doddaballapur and Dobaspet, about 50 km from Kempegowda International Airport. The first phase of the project will be on 500 acres. "The project, with an estimated investment of over Rs 40,000 crore, is expected to generate around 1,00,000 direct and indirect jobs," Patil added.

KHIR-City draws inspiration from international models such as Singapore's Biopolis, Research Triangle Park, Science Park, KBIC and the Boston Innovation Cluster. Elements from Bengaluru's Hitech City and Electronic City will also be incorporated into the project, he said.

The CM will launch the first phase works at the Banquet Hall of Vidhana Soudha.

To ensure timely progress of the project, the government has formed an advisory committee comprising eminent personalities such as cardiologist Dr Devi Shetty, Biocon founder Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw and entrepreneur Prashanth Prakash among others. The city will be designed for a residential density of 100 people per acre, Patil added.

MSME HEADS INTERACT WITH SHOBHA, CALL FOR REFORMS IN SECTOR

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE Central government is actively addressing the challenges faced by micro- and small-scale industries with a series of initiatives aimed at bolstering the sector, said Union Minister of State for MSME and Labour & Employment Shobha Karandlaje on Sunday.

At an interaction organised by the Karnataka Small-Scale Industries Association (KASSIA), she also gave a summary of the measures taken by the ministry to boost the MSME sector in the country. The Association submitted a comprehensive memorandum on behalf of MSMEs in the state.

Some of the announcements made by the minister included a proposal to establish a Centre of Excellence for upskilling by the National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) in Peenya, potential inclusion of KASSIA in the National Board for MSMEs and the rollout of four wage codes to form a National Wage Board.

KASSIA president MG Rajagopal stressed on the need for a holistic approach to ensure MSMEs' survival in the current economic climate. The memorandum highlighted several issues, such as the need for affordable technology, solar power subsidies and reforms in ESIC and EPFO policies. KASSIA also advocated for lower interest rates on MSME loans and increased credit guarantee coverage to support business growth.

Industry leaders, office-bearers and MSME representatives were present.

KASSIA members present a memorandum to MoS Shobha Karandlaje on Sunday

Rescue personnel recover vehicle parts from Gangavalli river in Shirur

Engine, bike recovered in Shirur river

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Shirur (Uttara Kannada)

ON day 3 of the third phase of search and rescue operations to trace three missing persons, the team found a two-wheeler and an engine of a heavy vehicle that were buried in Gangavalli river in Shirur.

Among the missing persons is truck driver Arjun from Kerala, who went missing along with his vehicle after the landslide struck Shirur.

The engine was lifted with the help of a crane. However, it needs to be assessed whether it belongs to the truck or a gas tanker.

The rescue team also retrieved some timber pieces that were buried in the river. The two-wheeler that was found in the river is said to be of Jaganath, who is among the three missing persons.

Hurt in fight, 'Mooga' recuperates at BBP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mysuru

FORESTERS of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve captured an 11-year-old tiger, popularly known as 'Mooga', at Kunturu forest range on Saturday. They said the tiger was injured during a territorial fight with another dominant tiger.

On September 16, the tiger was seen near the Kutta-Ponnampet main road. The animal was found prowling in the area for the past three to four days and had caused panic among the people.

The big cat was captured after it was tranquillised by sharpshooter K P Ranjan. After medical treatment for the injuries by veterinarians Dr H Ramesh and Dr Waseem Mirza, the captured tiger was shifted to Bannerghatta Biological Park.

Tiger 'Mooga' captured by forest officials at Kunturu forest range on Saturday

'Mooga' was a dominant male in the Nagarahole Tiger Reserve who got his nickname due to the big wound scar near his nose. He had received an injury near the nose during a territorial fight with another tiger a few years ago. He was regularly sighted by tourists during safari.

Cancer foundation celebrates Rose Day with survivors

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

SRI Shankara Cancer Foundation (SSCF) celebrated Rose Day on Sunday, bringing together cancer survivors, patients, medical professionals, and caregivers in a tribute to the resilience of the survivors.

The event also marked the official launch of the free domiciliary care project, inaugurated by Head of Organisation, Dr BS Srinath. The initiative aims to provide essential medical care to patients in their homes. This is to ensure that patients receive quality care at an affordable price, without needing frequent hospital visits.

Expert presentations by specialists - Dr Pavithra, Head of Psycho-Oncology, Dr Sreevalli, Consultant Medical Oncologist, Dr Giri GV, Head of Radiation Oncology, Dr Anand, Head of Paediatric Oncology, and Dr Srivatsa, Head of Uro-Oncology - focused on the theme of 'life after cancer', providing insights into the emotional, psychological, and physical aspects of survivorship.

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **demand notices** to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrower (s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. incurred till the date of payment and/ or realisation.

Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/ Time & Type of Possession
1	32689440000016 & 32689410000020	1) Mrs. Kavitha Khor Tak, 2) Mr. Sewa Singh J	18.07.2024 Rs.1,07,030.02 (Rupees One Lakh Seven Thousand Thirty and Two Paisa Only) due as on 14-07-2024	Date: 20-09-2024 Time: 10:25 AM Symbolic Possession

Description of the Property: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Khatha No.59/1, measuring East to West 18 Ft and North to South 40 Ft total measuring 720 Sq.feet situated at Kumbalagodu Village, Kumbalagodu Grama Panchayath, Kengeri Hobali, Bangalore South Taluk and **Bounded on: East by:** Property belongs to Pathanna, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Road & **South by:** Property belongs to Muniraju.

Whereas the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrower's mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the properties/ secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/ Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Place: Bangalore
Date: 23.09.2024

Sd/- Authorised Officer
For. Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **Mrs. Sharmila Ganesh,** has lost the Original Partition Deed bearing Doc. No.738/15-16, in respect of the Schedule property and reported the same to the Bangalore Police on 22-09-2024. Finder may send to below address. All persons claiming an interest in the said property are hereby required to make the same known to the undersigned Advocate at his office within **7 days** from the date hereof, failing which and without any reference to such claim, if any, shall be considered.

SCHEDULE: Property bearing **House List No.59, Old Khatha No.392,** situated at Church Street, Ejipura Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, BBMP Ward no. 68, measuring in all Measuring 1900 sq. ft.

Prashant Kumar M.B. ADVOCATE
'XPERT LEX'-Law Firm,
Advocates & Solicitors,
No.1752, 1st Floor, 14th Main,
Kumaraswamy Layout, 1st Stage,
Bangalore-560111.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that Mrs.M.S.A.Mani Megalal W/o Mr.S.Sukumaran, residing at No.9/1, 3rd Cross, Muddamma Garden Extension, Ramakka Block, Benson Town, Bangalore-560046, is negotiating with our client to sell the property more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder written.

Any person or persons claiming any interest in respect of the property described in the schedule hereunder or any part thereof, as and by way of sale, exchange, transfer, lease, sub-lease, mortgage, gift, tenancy, leave & license, trust, inheritance, bequest, possession, hypothecation, charge, lien, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby requested to make the same known in writing to us at our office at No.309, Regency Enclave, Magrath Road, Bangalore-560025 within 5 days from the date of publication hereof with documentary proof/evidence thereof; failing which such purported claim/objection, interest or demand shall be deemed to have been waived and /or abandoned to all intent and purposes known in writing.

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO

All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural Dry Land bearing old Survey No.122, New Survey No.122/3, situated at Marenahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, Admeasuring 0-06.00.00 (Six Guntas) and bounded as follows

On the East : Property of Mr. Mathan .S
On the West : Property of Mr. Mathan .S
On the North : Property of Mr. Mathan .S
On the South : Property of Mr. Mathan .S

C.N. Mahadeshwaran & George Philip
Advocates for the Intending Purchasers
Mobile : 9886469528

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that **REPCO Home Finance Limited , Peenya Bengaluru,** Intends to accept the under mentioned property standing in the name of Sri Harish R S/o Sri Rammanna as a security for the loan/credit facility requested by Madhu R S/o. Sri Raghu S & Smt. Uma M W/o. Madhu R In case anyone has got any right, title or interest, claim whatsoever over the under mentioned property, they are advised to approach the compay and undersigned within 7 days from the date of this publication, along with the necessary proof to substantiate their claim.

If no response is received **within 7 days,** it is presumed that the property is free of any charge/claim/encumberance and the **REPCO Home Finance Limited , Peenya Bengaluru** shall proceed with the mortgage.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Site No.8, Kaneshumari No. 80/8, measuring East to West 60 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, totally measuring 2400 Sq.feet. Situated at Bommanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore and bounded as follows: East: Site No. 07 belongs to Sri Siddagangaiah's house, West : Site No. 09, belongs to Smt. Ganganarasamma's house, North: Others Property, South:Road.

Branch Details: REPCO Home Finance Limited , No. 42, 1st Floor, Dasarahalli Hesaraghatta Main Road, Opp to Patidar Samaj Bhavan, Bangalore - 560 057. Ph. No 080- 23726789
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No. CEE(T&P)/SEE2/EET7/AEE-P1/2024-25/4029-34 Date: 21.09.2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Bids through Karnataka Public Procurement portal against the following enquiry as detailed below:

Enquiry Number and Description

Bid Enquiry No. **KPTCL/2024-25/SS/WORK_INDENT1239 for** Design, manufacture, testing, supply and installation/demonstration of **01no.** of **66/11kV,** 1X20MVA capacity **GIS switchgear Mobile compact Sub-station (MCS)-Unit-1** for KPTCL.

The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink 'E Procurement KPTCL' or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **24.09.2024 @ 15:00hrs**. Last date & time for receipt of Bids is **09.10.2024 @ 15:00hrs**. Any **extension of Due date for Bid submission** will be intimated in the **Karnataka Public Procurement portal.** Any details required in this regard can also be had from the Office of the undersigned during Office hours.

All Corrigendum/Addendums shall be noticed by the bidders before the last date of submission of the Bids.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, Electy.,
Tendering & Procurement, KPTCL, 3rd Floor,
Kaveri Bhavan, Bengaluru-560 009. Tel: 080 – 22274744

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDER
(Only through KPP-Portal)

BWSSB invites Tenders from registered Agencies for the following works:

Office of the Chief Engineer (South), 7th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, KG Road, Bengaluru - 560009

Sl. No.	Division	IFT Number	Amount put to tender EMD (in Rs.)		Last Date & Time for Submission of Tender	Date & Time for Opening of Tender
1	South West-2	BWSSB/EESW-2/TO/PB/2069/ 2024-25 Date: 20.09.2024	1	Rs.30,31,883/- Rs.60,700/-	07.10.2024 upto 4:00 PM	09.10.2024 after 4:00 PM
2			2	Rs.26,89,161/- Rs.54,000/-		
3		BWSSB/EESW-2/TO/PB/2069/ 2024-25 Date: 20.09.2024 (Reserved for SC Category)	3	Rs.46,20,321/- Rs.46,300/-		
4		BWSSB/EESW-2/TO/PB/2069/ 2024-25 Date: 20.09.2024	4	Rs.17,98,615/- Rs.44,500/-		
5			5	Rs.68,90,668/- Rs.1,37,900/-		
6			6	Rs.58,50,636/- Rs.1,17,100/-		
7			7	Rs.59,55,003/- Rs.1,19,100/-		

Sd/- **Executive Engineer (South West-2)**

Office of the Chief Engineer (West), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, KG Road, Bengaluru - 560009

8	West-1	BWSSB/EE(W-1)/PB/2562/ 2024-25 Date: 21.09.2024	Rs.7,69,914/- Rs.19,300/-	01.10.2024 upto 4:00 PM	03.10.2024 after 11:00 AM
9		BWSSB/EEW-1/PB/2565/ 2024-25 Date: 21.09.2024 (Reserved for ST Category)	Rs.45,26,418/- Rs.45,500/-		
10		BWSSB/EE(W-1)/PB/2563/ 2024-25 Date: 21.09.2024	Rs.16,34,267/- Rs.41,000/-		
11		BWSSB/EE(W-1)/PB/2564/ 2024-25 Date: 21.09.2024	Rs.13,76,245/- Rs.35,000/-		
12		BWSSB/EEW-1/PB/2568/ 2024-25 Date: 21.09.2024 (Reserved for SC Category)	Rs.35,15,742/- Rs.35,500/-		
13		BWSSB/EEW-1/PB/2566/ 2024-25 Date: 21.09.2024 (Reserved for SC Category)	Rs.64,21,043/- Rs.64,500/-	01.10.2024 upto 4:00 PM	05.10.2024 after 11:00 AM
14		BWSSB/EEW-1/PB/2567/ 2024-25 Date: 21.09.2024	Rs.65,62,522/- Rs.1,32,000/-		

Sd/- **Executive Engineer (West-1)**

The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurment process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the above signed office during working hours.

DIPR/CP/BCPL/2125/2024-25

WESTERN RAILWAY
MATERIAL MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
VARIOUS MATERIALS SUPPLY

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No. S/54/2024 Date 20.09.2024

Sr. No.	Short Description of Item	Quantity	T.O.D.
656	HINGED COVER FOR BLIND SOCKET ASSEMBLY OF ZS COUPLING FOR LHB TYPE AC COACHES	3230 Nos	15-Oct-24
657	CONTACT WIRE 107 SQ. MM.	97060 Mtr	19-Oct-24
658	Compressor Oil - Mobil RaRus SHC 1026 used in WDG4G and WDG6G locomotives	3536 Ltr	21-Oct-24
659	LMLA Secondary Cells 2V/300AH	1050 Nos	21-Oct-24
660	Repair kit for Magnet frame of Hitachi traction motor.	14 Set	21-Oct-24
661	Axle box housing finish machined	779 Nos	21-Oct-24
662	SET OF EVAPORATOR COIL.	45 Set	22-Oct-24
663	Vertical Damper For Secondary air spring	1450 Nos	22-Oct-24
664	Complete assembly of Swing Door	592 Set	28-Oct-24
	REVERSE AUCTION		
53	TWS 1 in 8.5 with SSD T-6280	100 Set	21-Oct-24
54	Jumper plug assembly with cable	623 Nos	04-Nov-24
	CORRIGENDUM		
	Please read quantity as "1556 Nos" and due date as "14.10.2024" for the tender notice no. S/44/2024 dated 14.08.2024 at Sr. No. 565.		

Regarding detailed notice EMD, Purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website **www.ireps.gov.in** and **www.wr.indianrailways.gov.in** 0569

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No. TU: AC: PG-ADM: 2024.25: Date: 21.09.2024

PG ADMISSION NOTIFICATION 2024-25

Sub: Inviting Applications from the eligible candidates to all PG Programmes

Applications are invited from the **eligible candidates who have passed Bachelor's Degree from any University in Karnataka and other States** for admission to the following P.G. Programmes offered at the University, Constituent Colleges and Affiliated Colleges.

1) Faculty of Arts: M.A in Kannada, English, Sanskrit, History and Archaeology, Economics, Political Science, Public Administration, Sociology, Journalism & Mass Communication, Master of Social Work (M.S.W). L.L.M., PG Diploma in Information Technology Act (Cyber Laws), PG Diploma in Intellectual Property Rights, PG Diploma in Human Rights, PG Diploma in Human Resource Management and PG Diploma in Jain Studies.
New Course: PG Diploma in Epigraphy studies

2) Faculty of Science & Technology : M.Sc in Physics, Organic Chemistry, Bio-Chemistry, Mathematics, Library and Information Science, Bio– Technology, Botany, Zoology, Psychology, Electronic Media, Food Science and Nutrition, Microbiology, M.Sc. in Computer Science, M.Sc. in Data Science and M.Sc. – Industrial Mathematics and Applied Computing, Chemistry (University College of Science) Ecology and Environmental Science, (University College of Science) M.Sc. in Mathematics, **(P.G. Centre Sira)** PG Diploma in Academic Writing and Publication. P.G Diploma in Coconut Plantation Management and Processing.
New Courses: M. Sc. in Food Technology, PG Diploma in Microbial Biotechnoly, PG Diploma in Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Startup Development, . PG Diploma in Environmental Sustainability and Governance, Certificate Course in Clinical Research,

3) Faculty of Commerce: M.Com. (General), M.Com (Information Systems).M.Com. (P.G. Centre, Tiptur).
New Courses: M.Com (Fin Tech & Insurance) PG Diploma in Digital Marketing and E-Commerce,

Tentative Important Dates for Admission to Post Graduate programmes

Open for Online Application	21.09.2024
Last Date for Submission of Application Form to respective department	01.10.2024

By Order
Sd/- Registrar

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule 8 (1)
(For Immovable Property)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of TJSB Sahakari Bank Ltd under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with '[rule 3] of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 11/06/2024 calling upon the borrower **Mr. Ranjith P (Borrower), Mr. Sam Willingson (Guarantor) and Mr. Ravi R (Guarantor) amount of Rs. 52,63,578.00 (Rupees Fifty Two Lakh Sixty Three Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Eight Only)** due as on 31/05/2024 with further interest from 01/06/2024 as applicable within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount and hence notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under **section 13 (4)** of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rule on this **18/09/2024.**

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the TJSB Sahakari Bank Ltd., for an amount of **Rs. 53,95,083.00** (Rupees Fifty Three Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Eighty Three Only) as on 31/08/2024 along with further interest thereon from 01/09/2024 and recovery expenses at actual.

[The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.]

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
Schedule -A

All the piece and parcel of Property No. 139/C (in converted Sy. No. 5, Seegehalli Village, K. R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, converted as per Official Memorandum (Conversion Order) No. BDS.ALNE. SR/KH-24/2008-09, dated 6.1.2009 issued by the Dy. Commissioner, Bangalore), present BBMP Khatha No. 139/C/523/5/195, Sai Serenity Layout, Seegehalli, Bangalore, earlier within the limits of CMC, K.R. Puram, presently within the limits of BBMP, New Ward No. 53, New Ward Name: Basavanapura Ward and within the jurisdiction of Shivajinagara Registration Dist. Measuring:

East to West : 40.83 feet,
North to South : 81 feet

Schedule -B

In total measuring 3307.5 sq.ft. together with all rights appurtenances in whatsoever manner whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the:

East by : Property Nos. 139/B and 139/D,
West by : Remaining portion of Property No. 5,
North by : 30 feet road,
South by : Remaining portion of Property No. 5

Schedule-C

214 sq.ft. of Undivided share, right, title and interest in the land comprising in schedule A Property

Schedule -D

Two Bedrooms Residential Apartment bearing No. GF-03, Ground floor, measuring 1065 sq.ft. of super built up area with tiles flooring, main door and other doors/windows are of sal wood, on covered car parking place, part of multistoried residential Apartment known as "SREE SAI ENCLAVE" constructed at Schedule A Property along with all the rights in the common areas and easements.

Sd/-
AUTHORISED OFFICER,
Under SARFAESI Act, 2002
For & on behalf of TJSB Sahakari Bank Ltd.
Regd. Office: TJSB House, Plot No. B-5, Road No. 2, Wagle Industrial Estate, Thane (W)-400604

DATE: 18.09.2024
PLACE: BANGALORE

Karnataka Region Office:
ALOKA MANSION, No. 19, 3rd Block, 10th B Main Road, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560 011
TJSB SAHAKARI BANK LTD. MULTI-STATE SCHEDULED BANK

Bharat Bank
Bharat Co-op. Bank (Mumbai) Ltd.
Multi-State Scheduled Bank

Classique Arcade, K.S. Rao Road, Near City Centre, Hampanakatte, Mangalore-575001. Ph : 0824-2421076.

POSSESSION NOTICE

WHEREAS

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd., under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated 19.06.2024 calling upon the Principal Borrower **Mr.Arjun Varadaraj, S/o. Mr.Varadaraj, Prop of M/s.Varada's Associates** residing at No.538, Ground Floor, ITI Layout, Yelukunte, Bangalore-560068 & **Joint/Co Borrower Mr.Krishnappa L, S/o.Late Mr.Lakshmayya Shetty,** R/a No.44, 1st Floor, Vijaya Nilaya, 3rd Main, Sakambari Nagar, Sarakki, Bangalore-560 078 to repay the amount mentioned in the Demand Notice being **Rs.7,82,974/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Eighty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Four)** due as on 02.06.2024 under Term Loan Account No.003433510065626 along with further interest & other charges respectively within 60 days from the date of the receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken the Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub section (4) of section 13 of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this 20th day of September 2024.

The Borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said Property and any dealings with the said Property shall be subject to the charge of Bharat Co-Operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd, for an amount as aforesaid, less amount paid thereafter if any.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8)of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Vacant Residential **Site No. 15/C,** Old Khaneshumari No.30, then Khaneshumari No. 15, Property No. 150200200900700239, Grama Panchayat New Khatha No. 233/15C, situated at **Meesaganahalli Village, Doddajala Village Panchayat, Bangalore North Taluk-562 157** and measuring East to West 26.25 feet and North to South 25 feet, in all measuring **656.25 sq. ft.** and bounded by:

East : Vacant Site belongs to Sri. G.L. Venkatesh
West : Vacant Site belongs to Sri. L. Anjinappa
North : Road
South : Vacant Site belongs to Sri. L. Jayaram

Place : Bangalore
Date : 20.09.2024

Sd/- **Chief Manager & Authorised Officer,**
Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd.

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JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

NOTICE OF SALE THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY

SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS CHARGED TO THE BANK UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002. (SARFAESI ACT)

The undersigned as Authorized Officer of Jana Small Finance Bank Limited has taken over **Physical Possession** of the schedule property under the SARFAESI Act. The Authorized Officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** had already conducted multiple public auctions for selling the property, but they turned out to be unsuccessful as no bids were received. Hence please be informed that if the total outstanding dues in the aforesaid loan account are not paid within **Fifteen (15) Days** from the date of this publication of this notice, then the Authorized officer will proceed for sale via private treaty of the property as stated below.

Public at large is informed that the secured property as mentioned in the Schedule are available for sale through Private Treaty, as per the terms agreeable to the Bank for realization of Bank's dues on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".**

Standard terms & conditions for sale of property through Private Treaty are as under:

1. Sale through Private Treaty will be on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".**
2. The purchaser will be required to deposit 100% of the sale consideration on the expiry of publication of this notice.
3. In case of non-acceptance of offer of purchase by the Bank, the amount if any paid along with the application will be refunded without any interest with in the stipulated time.
4. The purchaser should conduct due diligence on all aspects related to the property (under sale through private treaty) to his satisfaction. The purchaser shall not be entitled to make any claim against the Authorized Officer/ Secured Creditor in this regard at a later date.
5. The Bank reserves the right to reject any offer of purchase without assigning any reason.
6. The purchaser has to bear all stamp duty, registration fee, and other expenses, taxes, duties, society dues in respect of purchase of the property.
7. Sale shall be in accordance with the provisions of SARFAESI Act / Rules.

SCHEDULE

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Borrower/ Co-borrowers	Amount as per 13(2) Demand Notice under SARFAESI Act.	Reserve price for private treaty
1	45348640002321 45389660000782	1) Mr. Santosh T, Prop. of M/s. Santosh Enterprises, 2) Mrs. Jayshree G	Rs.2,43,02,526/- (Rupees Two Crores Forty Three Lakh Two Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty Six Only) due as on 22-11-2023	Rs.1,80,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Eighty Lakh Only)
	Details of Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing No.357/A-1 (BBMP Property ID No.100-462-357/A-1), Situated Near Muneshwara Temple, Nagashettyhalli Main Road, Nagashettyhalli, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk measuring East to West 20 Feet and North to South 80 Feet, totally 1600 Sq.ft. which include four feet passage running on the eastern side along with 400 Sq.ft. building consists of RCC roofing granite floored two rooms in ground floor and RCC roofing granite floored first, second and third floors has single be room houses each. Mud bricks building walls, jungle wood used for doors and windows, having all civic amenities and **Bounded on: East by:** Property of Kempaiah, **West by:** Property of Nagaraju, **North by:** Nagashettyhalli Main Road & **South by:** Property of Kempaiah earlier house of Sarvamangala/ Earlier House of Sarvamangala, W/o. Krisnappa - presently Property of Santosh T.			

The aforesaid Borrower/ Co-Borrower attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of SARFAESI Act for redemption of secured assets mentioned hereinabove by tendering the aforementioned outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the bank before the sale of secured assets.

Correspondence Address: Mrs. Syeda (Mob. No.7400445147), email: syedayaseen.rana@janabank.com, Mr. Ranjan Naik (Mob. No.6362951653), email: ranjan.naik@janabank.com & Mr. Umesh (Mob. No.8050149617), email: umesh.m01@janabank.com. Jana Small Finance Bank Limited, (formerly known as M/S. Janalakshmi Financial Services Pvt Ltd), having OfficeThe Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No. 10/1,11/2 &12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

Date: 23.09.2024, Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

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SURVEY WORK

Deputy Chief Engineer (C) Survey, Western Railway, 1st floor, Station Building, Churchgate, Mumbai - 400020 invites **(Single packet system)** for **Tender No: CAO-C-Works-FLS-DPR2 Name of Work: Carrying out Final Location Survey(FLS) for new BG lines over Western Railway. NIT Cost: ₹5,30,66,750/- Bid Security: ₹4,15,300/- Bid submission closing: till 09.10.2024, 15.00 hrs. Tender Document opening:** on 09.10.2024 at 15.30 hrs. For further details please visit our website **www.ireps.gov.in.** 0565

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGCO25521)

No.903/SEE/Tr.(W&M)/24-25/Cys-28 Date: 20.09.2024

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

KPTCL invites bids for **Housekeeping Service** Tenders coming under the jurisdiction of Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Hubballi.

The detailed notification regarding the works can be obtain from the office of the undersigned & from the Office Notice Board.

Sd/-, Superintending Engineer (Ele),
Trans. (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Vidhyuth Nagar, Hubballi - 24.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that, given by the M/s Sri. Venkateshwara RCC Products, situated at plot No.1D, KIADB, I.A., Chickballapur, REPRESENTED by its GPA Holder on behalf of his GPA Holder, one Sri. Munegowda.P.N S/o Late Narayanappa, aged about 48 years, R/at Dibburu Majara, Puradagadde Village, Kasaba hobli, Chickballapur Taluk and district, is the absolute owner in immovable industrial property bearing plot No. 1D, E-Khata 152800202200620638, measuring East-West 124.75 meters and North-South 38 meters total measuring 4681 Sq meters, situated at Jadalathimmanahalli Village, Kasaba hobli, Agalagurki Grama Panchayath, Chickballapur Taluk and district. The said land sale deed bearing No.CKB-1-01924/2005-06 dated 08-12-2005, registered before the sub-registrar at Chickballapur, on dated 20.10.2023 the said original sale deed was misplaced Near by Taluk Office at Chickballapur, several times I have traced above the said document. But the documents could not traced out. Hence this public notice.
My client requested through this public notice any one having above said original document pleased to return the same to my counsel stated in the below address.
Harikrishna, Advocate Office at Near Lakkamma Doddamuniyappa Chowtriy, OPD Road, Chickballapur. Mob: 9731765110

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"-PROCUREMENT NOTICE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, KHORDHA (R&B) CIRCLE, KHORDHA
WORKS DEPARTMENT

Tender call Notice

E-mail: rbcirclekhurda@gmail.com

Bid Identification No. CCE-Khordha (R&B) Circle-07/2024-25

Memo No - 1804 Dt. 19.09.2024

B-314: The Chief Construction Engineer, Khordha (R&B) Circle, Khordha on behalf of Governor of Odisha inviting percentage rate bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for Road works as detailed in the table below:

1. Nature of Work : Road Works
2. No of Work : 2 Nos
3. Tender Cost : Rs.10000.00 (On-Line)
4. Class of Contractor : A Class
5. Available of Bid document in the Website : From 10.00 AM of Dt.27.09.2024 up to 05.00 PM of Dt.14.10.2024 up to 5.00 PM
6. Date of opening of Bid : Dt. 15.10.2024 at 11.30 AM
7. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the Website: https://tenderodisha.gov.in . Any Addendum / Corrigendum / Cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer
OIPR-34127/11/0010/2425 **Khordha (R&B) Circle, Khordha**

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"-PROCUREMENT NOTICE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, KHORDHA (R&B) CIRCLE, KHORDHA
WORKS DEPARTMENT

Short Tender call Notice

E-mail: rbcirclekhurda@gmail.com

Bid Identification No. CCE-Khordha (R&B) Circle-08/2024-25

Memo No - 1814 Dt. 20.09.2024

B-325: The Chief Construction Engineer, Khordha (R&B) Circle, Khordha on behalf of Governor of Odisha inviting percentage rate bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for Building works as detailed in the table below:

1. Nature of Work : Building Work
2. No of Work : 1 No
3. Tender Cost : Rs.10000.00 (On-Line)
4. Class of Contractor : B & A Class
5. Available of Bid document in the Website : From 10.00 AM of Dt.25.09.2024 up to 05.00 PM of Dt.03.10.2024 up to 5.00 PM
6. Date of opening of Bid : Dt. 04.10.2024 at 11.30 AM
7. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the Website: https://tenderodisha.gov.in . Any Addendum / Corrigendum / Cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer
OIPR-34127/11/0012/2425 **Khordha (R&B) Circle, Khordha**

MAHARASHTRA INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION LIMITED

(A GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA ENTERPRISE)

Notice for Tender

"Tender Reference No. :- MahaIT/TC500/001/066- Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Small Form Factor Pluggable (SFP) with Warranty & Support for 5 years through Swiss Challenge Method."

Maharashtra Information Technology Corporation Limited, (Government of Maharashtra Enterprise) is inviting proposals from reputed & experienced companies to participate in the competitive bidding process **for the Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Small Form Factor Pluggable (SFP) with Warranty & Support for 5 years through Swiss Challenge Method.**

Tender document will be available for downloading from **10:00 hrs. of 23.09.2024** on the official website of Government of Maharashtra **https://mahatenders.gov.in/nicgep/app.**

Tender submission would be online and deadline to submit the proposal is **07.10.2024 till 17:00 hrs.**

Sd/-
Managing Director,
Maharashtra information Technology Corporation Ltd

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SRI GURU RAGHAVENDRA SAHAKARA BANK NIYAMITHA

 # 15, Subbarama Chetty Road, Nettakallappa Circle, Basavenagudi, Bangalore-560004.
Ph.No. 26620360, 26620379, Fax : 080-26506895, E-mail : sgrsbn.bank@gmail.com, Website : www.raghavendrabank.com

POSSESSION NOTICE

See Rule - 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **Sri Guru Raghavendra Sahakara Bank Niyamitha, Basavangudi, Bangalore,** under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued on the following Demand Notices on various dates to the Borrowers / Guarantors mentioned below , calling upon them to repay the amount mentioned within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.

The borrowers/ Guarantors / Mortgagors / Legal heirs having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to all the below mentioned borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13(4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on the day mentioned in the following table..

The Borrowers / / Guarantors / Mortgagors / Legal heirs in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Sri Raghavendra Sahakara Bank Niyamitha** for the amounts mentioned under each borrower and interest thereon.

The borrowers' attention is invited to the provision of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured Assets.

(1) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Applicants: (1) Amrutha H C . (2) Puttaswamy Gowda. (3) Bhaktesh

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Demand Notice dated 07.02.2023 for Rs.81,01,492/- Possession notice dated 30.07.2024, Now for Rs 96,22,571/- (Rupees Ninety Six Lakhs Twenty Two Thousand Five Hundred Seventy One Only) plus further applicable interest from 01.07.2024 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 07.02.2023 Possession Notice Date: 30.07.2024

Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing vacant site No. 4-A, formed out of converted sy. No. 26/2 (converted vide B.D is.ALN/SR(S)42/1997-98 dt. 03-12-1997) of Channasandra village, Uttarahalli hobli, Bengaluru South taluk now under the jurisdiction of BBMP Rajarajeshwarinagara Ward No.160, Property bearing Katha No.686/26/1/4A, PID No.160-W0988-24 measuring east to west 30 feetnorth to south 40 feet bounded on : East by : Property No 3-A west by : Property No 5-A, North by : Property No 77, South by : 30 feet Road.

(2) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Applicants: (1) Mr. Firoz (B) (2) Mr. Mohammad Agam.

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Demand Notice 08.02.2023 for Rs. 59,49,881/- and Possession dated 30.07.2024 for Rs 69,03,957/- plus further applicable interest from 01.07.2024 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 08.02.2023 Possession Notice Date: 30.07.2024

Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the property in vacant site bearing No.46, situated at 2nd Stage, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bengaluru, after inclusion into BBMP Yelachenahalli ward No. 185, Property bearing Katha No.1039/46, 2nd Stage, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 29,06" North to South 20 feet bounded on: East by : Road, West by : Property No.63, North by : Property No.45, South by : Property No.47.

(3) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Applicants: (1) Mrs. Priyanka Prasad. (2) Mr. Theertha Prasaed

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Demand Notice Dated 18.11.2022 for Rs. 52,02,767/-. And Possession Notice Dated 30.07.2024, for Liability Rs. 43,99,094/- plus further applicable interest from 01.08.2024 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 18.11.2022 Possession Notice Date: 30.07.2024

Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the property belonging to Mrs Priyanka T Prasad W/o Mr. Teertha Prasad and Mr Teertha Prasad H S S/o Sri Y Shantharaju ,Property bearing Northern Portion of Site No 79, Assessment No 73, Present BBMP Khata No 1194/73/79, Situated at HALAGEVADERA HALLI VILLAGE, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Property coming under the purview of BBMP Ward No 160, Bangalore and bounded on : (Measuring 800 Sq Ft) East By: Others Property West By: Others Property, North by: Property belongs to Sri Ashoka N.N South by: Remaining Portion of same Site No 79.

Schedule B : Property mortgaged to Bank : All that Piece and Parcel of the vacant Property bearing Northern Portion of Site No 79, Present BBMP Khata No 1194/73/79, Halagevaderahalli, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Property coming under the preview of BBMP Ward No 160, and bounded on : East by: Remaining Portion of Schedule A Property. : West by: Others Property : North by: Property belongs to Sri Ashoka N.N : South by: Others Property. : Measuring 450 Sq ft : Owner of the Property: Mrs. Priyanka Teertha Prasad and Mr. Teertha Prasad.

(4) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Applicants: (1) Mr. Radha Krishnan

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Demand Notice issued on 16.11.2022 for Rs. 1,46,10,300/- And Possession Notice Dated 30.07.2024 , for Liability Rs 2,00,30,763/- plus further applicable interest from 01.07.2024 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 16.11.2022 Possession Notice Date: 30.07.2024

Description of the Immovable Property: Mrs. Manjula R, All that piece and parcel of portion in the Southern side of the property bearing Old No.175/176, Municipal No.8/1, situated at 2nd Main Road, Venkateshwara Layout, Suddagunte Palya, Bengaluru 560 029, BBMP Old Lakkasandra Ward No.63, Present Suddagunte Palya Ward No.152, PID No.63-92-8/1, Bengaluru measuring East to West 25'00" North to South 40'00" in all 1000 sq.ft with 500 sq.ft constructions thereon and bounded on: East by : Property of Muniswamappa, West by : Property No.8 of Srinivasa, North by : Northern portion of the same Property No.8/1, South by : Road

(5) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Applicants: (1) Mr. T S Chandrashekhar and Guarantor (2) Mr. T S Vijayakumar

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Demand Notice Date : 09.12.2022 for Rs. 30,65,046 and Possession Notice Dated 30.07.2024 , for Liability Rs 41,15,551 plus further applicable interest from 01.07.2024 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 09.12.2022 Possession Notice Date: 30.07.2024

Description of the Immovable Property: T S Chandrashekhar , Chikkajala Property. Mr. Chandrashekar T S, All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No 111, RDPR ID No 150200203101102035, Khata No 1963/19/111 of Chikkajala VP formed out of various converted Sy No.s of Chikkajala Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore. Layout formed by Karnataka Telecom Employees HBCS under approval of BIAAPA ref No BIAAPA/TP/Lao/05-2009-10 dated 28.04.2010 and Layout called as Akshaya Brindavan (Phase 1) Measuring East to West 12.19 Mts North to South 9.14 Mts in all 111.41 Sq Mts and bounded on : East by : Road , West by: Site No 121 Norty By : Site No 112, South By : Site No 110.

(6) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Applicants: (1) Mr. T S Chandrashekar and Guarantor (2) Mr. Vijayakumar.

Total amount mentioned in the Demand Notice Date : 09.12.2022 for Rs. 2,85,71,677/- And Possession Notice Dated 30.07.2024, for Liability Rs 3,65,97,706/-plus further applicable interest from 01.07.2024 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 09.12.2022 Possession Notice Date: 30.07.2024

Description of the Immovable Property: T S Chandrashekhar R R Nagar Property. All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No 1588, Old CMC Khata No 3664, in the layout formed by the BEML Employees Co-Operative Housing Society Ltd, out of Sy No 91/2,99/1,99/3101/2,140,141,142,173,174, 175,178,180,181,182,184,188,192,193,194,195,196,197, 207,208,210,211,217/1B,217/2218/1,219,220,223/1,223/2,223/3, 224/1,224/2,225,226,227,228,229/1,230 and 241situated at BEML5th Stage, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Halagevaderahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, within the limit of BBMP Rajarajeswari Nagar Ward No 160, having BBMP Khata No 3748/3721/1588/3664 (old BBMP Khata No 3748/A/3722/1588/3665, Measuring East to West (55.10+50.09) / 2 ft North to South (17.60+38.06) / 2 ft in all 1488.78 Sq Ft with 1.50 times of 26.78 Sq Mts TDR and bounded on : East by : Site No 1572, West by: Road, North by: Road, South by Site No 1587.

(7) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Applicants: (1) M/s. VEDIC Bio Lab Pvt Ltd and Guarantor (2) Mr. Ramprakash Pattavardhan, (3) Patvardhan S Shylesh, (4) Mrs. Madhavi R Prakash.

Total amount mentioned in the Demand Notice Date : 17.12.2022 for Rs. 4,51,76,376/- And Possession Notice Dated 30.07.2024, for Liability Rs.5,42,38,974/- plus further applicable interest from 01.07.2024 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 17.12.2022 Possession Notice Date: 30.07.2024

Description of the Immovable Property: Vedic Bil Labs. /s Vedic Bio Labs Pvt Ltd.

All the piece and parcel of industrially converted (vide official Memorandum No. ALN (S) (N), SR:9/2009-10 dated:17-06-2009 and Commencement Certificate No.KPA / Cer/ 04/ 2009-10 dated:25-09-2019), underdeveloped and Vacant Property bearing New No.348/325 old Survey No.21/1 measuring 19 guntas out of 28 guntas situated at Alakabalalu Village, Taralu Gram Panchayat, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru bounded on:

East by : Remaining Portion of the Property bearing New No.348/325 old Survey No.21/1 belonging to the Vendor, West By : Private Property belonging to Sidda Reddy, North By : Road, South By: Private Property belonging to Saramma and Balappa.

(8) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Applicants: (1) Mr. K Vivekanandan and Guarantor (2) Mrs. Kananaka.

Total amount mentioned in the Demand Notice Date : 20.12.2022 for Rs. 49,23,534/- and Possession Notice Dated 30.07.2024, for Liability Rs.64,30,555/- plus further applicable interest from 01.07.2024 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 20.12.2022 Possession Notice Date: 30.07.2024

Description of the Immovable Property: Mr. Vivekananadan K and Kanaka Mr. Vivekanandan K. & Mrs. Kanaka. V. All that piece and parcel of Northern portion of the property bearing Site No. 576, formed out of Sy.No.s 40, 41 & 42, BBMP B Katha Sl.No.325, Property No.1502/576, situated at 6th Cross, 1st Main, Channakeshavanagara, Singasandra, Beguru hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, presently under the jurisdiction of BBMP Singasandra Ward No.191, Measuring East to West 40 feet North to South 15 feet bounded by: East by : Road, West by : Property No.557, North by : Property No.577,South by: Southern portion of the Property No. 576 of Arul mary.

(9) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Applicants: (1) Mr.Premkumar and Guarantor (2) Mrs. Shanthi .

Total amount mentioned in the Demand Notice Date : 30.12.2022 for Rs. 1,00,21,750/- and Possession Notice Dated 30.07.2024, for Liability Rs 1,31,03,485/- plus further applicable interest from 01.07.2024 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 30.12.2022 Possession Notice Date: 30.07.2024

Description of the Immovable Property: Premkumar and K Shanthi.

Mrs. K Shanthi, All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing site No.s 6 & 7 Portion of Old Property No.633, Portion of Katha No.56/15-1, situated at Hongasandra village, Beguru hobli, Bengaluru south taluk, after inclusion into BBMP Hongasandra Ward No.189, Property bearing Katha No.56/15/1, Near Muni Reddy Layout, Bengaluru measuring east to west 30feet north to south 50 feet with constructions thereon bounded on : East by : Private Property, West by : 15ft Road, North by : Property No.5, South by : Private Property.

(10) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Applicants: (1) Mr. Purushotham and Guarantor (2) Mrs. Asha Rani.

Total amount mentioned in the Demand Notice Date : 17.12.2022 for Rs. 1,94,95,589 . And Possession Notice Dated 30.07.2024 , for Liability Rs 2,69,72,990/- plus further applicable interest from 01.07.2024 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 17.12.2022 Possession Notice Date: 30.07.2024

Description of the Immovable Property: Mr. Purushothama. All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing No.20,formed out of Katha No. 2/1 of Ittamadu village, Uttarahalli hobli, Bengaluru south Taluk, after inclusion into BBMP Old Padmanabhanagar Ward No. 55 present Chikkallasandra Ward No.183 Property bearing No.014, 5th Main Road, Ittamadu, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru 560085 measuring east to west 30 feet north to south 40 feet PID No.55-491-014 with constructions thereon bounded on : East by : Property No. 29, West by : Road, North by : Property No.19, South by : Property No.21.

(11) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Applicants: (1) Mr. Renuka Prasad and Guarantor (2) Mrs. Vedavathi.

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Demand Notice dated 15.12.2022 for Rs.74,46,593/-. And Possession Notice Dated 30.07.2024 for Liability Rs. 97,92,582/- plus further applicable interest from 01.07.2024 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 15.12.2022 Possession Notice Date: 30.07.2024

Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the property BBMP Katha No.40/66/7/3, situated at Sompura Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Vidyapeeta Post, Bengaluru BBMP Hemmigepura ward No.198, measuring East to West towards North 37 Feet , towards South 20 feet North to South 69 feet in all 1966.5 sq.ft with constructions thereon and bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Property of Gowramma and children, North by : Road : South by : Property of Honnappa.

(12) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Applicants: (1) Mr. Renuka Prasad and Guarantor (2) Mr. Vedavathi

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Demand Notice 06.07.2023 for Rs. 58,44,825/- And Possession Notice Dated 30.07.2024 for Liability Rs 68,83,066/- plus further applicable interest from 01.07.2024 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 06.07.2023 Possession Notice Date: 30.07.2024

Description of the Immovable Property: Mr Renuka Prasad S R.

All that piece and parcel of the Western portion of the property bearing BBMP Katha No.45/72/13A, situated at Sompura Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Vidyapeeta Post, Bengaluru, BBMP Hemmigepura Ward No.198, measuring East to West 29 feet North to South 50 feet in all 1450 sq.ft with constructions thereon and bounded on : East by : Property of Gangadharappa, West by : Road, North by : Ashwatha Katte, South by : Property of Gowramma & Children.

(13) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Applicants: (1) Mrs. Rajeshwari B and Guarantors (2) Mr. Nandakumar, (3) Mr. Darshan, Mrs. Neethu

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Demand Notice issued on 27.12.2022 for Rs.3,32,58,794/-. And Possession Notice Dated 30.07.2024, for Liability Rs. 4,52,67,855/- plus further applicable interest from 01.07.2024 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 27.12.2022 Possession Notice Date: 30.07.2024

Description of the Immovable Property: Mrs. B Rajeshwari, Mr. D Nanda Kumar, Mr. D Darshan, Mrs. M Neethu,

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Old No.S9 and 10(26 & 27), Thereafter No.s 19, 19/2, 19/3 & 20/3, Present No.19, situated at 11th Cross Cubbon pete, Bengaluru-560002, BBMP Sampangiramanagara Ward Old No.77 Present No.110, PID No.77-119-19 measuring east to west 31feet 09 inches north to south 35 feet 03 inches and bounded on : East by : Property of Kempanna, West by : Passage from 11th Cross & Property of Hanumakka, North by : Property No.18 & 18/1 & Passage leading to Bannappa Park Road, South by : Property of Kenchanapura Chikkanna.

(14) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Applicants: (1) Mr. Gurumurthy V and Guarantor (2) Mrs. Karpakkam

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Demand Notice Date : 06.07.2023 for Rs.67,03,553/-. And Possession Notice Dated 30.07.2024 for Liability Rs. 75,88,877/- plus further applicable interest from 01.07.2024 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 06.07.2023 Possession Notice Date: 30.07.2024

Description of the Immovable Property: Gurumurthy. All that piece and parcel of the property bearing vacant Site No. 30 (Southern portion), old Katha No. 7, Present BBMP Katha No. 4/7/29/30/4 and 7/29/30/4/1, situated at Kenchanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, after inclusion into BBMP jurisdiction Hemmigepura Ward No. 198, measuring East to West 40 feet North to South 20 feet (total 800 sq feet) bounded on: East by : Property No. 19, West by : Road, North by : Remaining portion in site No. 30 South by: Site No. 29.

(15) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Applicants: (1) Mrs. Geetha Harish and Guarantor (2) Mr. Harish

Total amount mentioned in the Demand Notice Date : 17.12.2022 for Rs. 1,88,47,205/- And Possession Notice Dated 30.07.2024, for Liability Rs 2,50,39,973/- plus further applicable interest from 01.07.2024 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 17.12.2022 Possession Notice Date: 30.07.2024

Description of the Immovable Property: Geetha Harish

Geetha Harish All that piece and parcel of the site bearing number 585 & 586, formed in Sy No 188/5, situated at Koppa Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, , Layout formed by name Nirmal Nagar , formed by Nirman Shelters Pvt Ltd, Bengaluru Urban District , Measuring east to west 80 feet, north to south 30 feet bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Road, North by : Site No 584 & 587

(16) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Applicants: (1) Mr. Vishal and Guarantors Mr. Giridhar Bai, Mr. Jayaram.

Total amount mentioned in the Demand Notice Date : 06.07.2023 for Rs.4,91,31,017/- And Possession Notice Dated 30.07.2024 for Liability Rs.4,99,90,340/- plus further applicable interest from 01.07.2024 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 06.07.2023 Possession Notice Date: 30.07.2024

Description of the Immovable Property: Mr. Vishal. Mr. Vishal

All that piece and parcel of site No.9 & 10, assessment No.73/C, situated at Srigandhakaval Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Form-B Property Register No.752, Property No.9 & 10 in survey No.73/C, Srigandhakaval village, Rajarajeshwarinagar zone, Leggere, sub range measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 50 feet, totally measuring 3000 Square Feet, and bounded on : East by : Site No.11 & 12, West by : Site No.8, North by : Property belonging to Muniyerappa & Sriramaiah, South by : 30 feet Road.

(17) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Applicants: (1) Mr. Ajay Kumar Borrower and Guarantor (2) Mrs. Varsha

Total amount mentioned in the Demand Notice Date : 22.12.2022 for Rs. 1,26,75,458/- And Possession Notice Dated 31.07.2024, for Liability Rs. 1,58,84,649/- plus further applicable interest from 01.07.2024 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 22.12.2022 Possession Notice Date: 30.07.2024

Description of the Immovable Property: Mr. Ajay Kumar.

All that piece and parcel of the property in vacant site bearing H.L.No.375/156/176, formed out of converted Sy. No.156 (converted vide B.DIS.ALN.SR(S) 81/1996-97 dated:05-09-1996) of Doddathoguru Village, Beguru Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Measuring east to west 29 feet north to south 40 feet with constructions thereon bounded on: East by : Private Property, West by : Road, North by : Property No. 177, South by : Property No. 175

(18) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Applicants: (1) Mrs. Dhanashree, (2) Mr. Rangaraj P N , (3) Mrs Rekha,B, (4) Mr. Srikanth P N (All Mutual Guarantors also)

Total amount mentioned in the Demand Notice Date : 23.12.2022 for Rs. 9,58,91,989 And Possession Notice Dated 31.07.2024 for Liability Rs.13,18,41,651/- plus further applicable interest from 01.07.2024 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 23.12.2022 Possession Notice Date: 30.07.2024

Description of the Immovable Property: Dhanashree

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing site No.3386, New No.33, Situated at 4th Cross, 'C' Block, Gayathrinagar, Bengaluru 560 021, BBMP Gayathrinagar Old Ward No.8, Present Kadu Malleshwara ward No.65, PID Old No.8-59-33 Present No.065-W0060-12, measuring east to west 30 feet north to south 82 feet with construction standing thereon bounded on: East by: Property No.3385, West by: Property No.3387, North by: Propery No.3443, South by:Road.

(19) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Applicants: (1) Mr. Nagaraj G V , Govindakumar V (Mutual Guarantors)

Total amount mentioned in the Demand Notice Date : 07.07.2023 for Rs. 3,90,77,981/-. And Possession Notice Dated 31.07.2024 for Liability Rs 4,21,87,424/- plus further applicable interest from 01.07.2024 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 07.07.2023 Possession Notice Date: 30.07.2024

Description of the Immovable Property: Nagaraja G V.

All that piece and parcel of site bearing No.59, Old Khatha No.317/59, present khatha No.345/317/59, 317/359 SITUATED AT Gunjur-Gunjur Palya village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet in all measuring 1200 sq. feet and bounded on: East by : Site No.60, West by : Site No.58, North by: Road, South by: Site No.44.

(20) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Applicants: (1) Mr. B Vasu, and Guarantors (2) Mrs. Leelavathi, (3) Mr. Nandish, (4) Mr. V Venkatesh.

Total amount mentioned in the Demand Notice Date : 26.12.2022 for Rs. 1,46,38,842/- . And Possession Notice Dated 31.07.2024 for Liability Rs.2,04,69,402/- plus further applicable interest from 01.07.2024 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 26.12.2022 Possession Notice Date: 30.07.2024

Description of the Immovable Property: Mr.B Vasu, All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Assessment and site No.845/2905/91, situated at Venkataramanappa layout, 8th Ward, Anekal Town Muncipal Council, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District measuring east to west 10.70 mts north to south 12.20 mts. with building thereon bounded on: East by: Raja Kaluve West by: Site No.90, North by: Site No.89 South by: Notified Road.

(21) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Applicants: (1) Mr. Ramesh S and Guarantor Mrs. Chitra.

Total amount mentioned in the Demand Notice Date : 17.12.2022 for Rs. 99,26,863/- And Possession Notice Dated 31.07.2024 for Liability Rs.1,11,51,934/- plus further applicable interest from 01.07.2024 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 17.12.2022 Possession Notice Date: 30.07.2024

Description of the Immovable Property: S Ramesh S.

All that piece and parcel of Northern portion of the Property bearing site No.25, Katha No. 25/2, situated at Beretana Agrahara village, Beguru Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, presently under the jurisdiction of BBMP Beguru Ward No.192, measuring east to west 40 feet north to south 15 feet with constructions thereon and bounded on: East by : Road, West by : Property No.43, North by : Property No.26, South by: Southern portion of the Property No.25 Gifted to Govindaraju.

(22) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Applicants: (1) Mrs. Nagamani and Guarantor Mr. Devendra Swamy

Total amount mentioned in the Demand Notice Date : 20.12.2022 for Rs.30,70,131/- And Possession Notice Dated 31.07.2024 for Liability Rs.39,31,068/- plus further applicable interest from 01.07.2024 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 20.12.2022 Possession Notice Date: 30.07.2024

Description of the Immovable Property: Nagamani : Mrs. Nagamani

All that piece and parcel of Western portion of the property bearing Katha No.5, Kanesumari No.70, situated at Kadirenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, after inclusion in to BBMP Property bearing No.92, Padmanabhanagar Ward No.55, Kadirenahalli Grama, PID No. 55-724-92 measuring east to West 16feet, North to South 33 feet and bounded on : East by : Remaining portion in same Property, West by : Road, North by : Property of Narappa, South by : Road thereafter property of Annayappa.

(23) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Applicants: (1) Mrs. Pavithra S Raghava and Guarantor Mr. Shashank.

Total amount mentioned in the Demand Notice Date : 23.12.2022 for Rs. 1,34,18,048 . And Possession Notice Dated 31.07.2024, for Liability Rs 1,72,49,779/- plus further applicable interest from 01.07.2024 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 23.12.2022 Possession Notice Date: 30.07.2024

Description of the Immovable Property: Pavithra S Raghava. Entire Property description.

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.27 & 28, presently bearing Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Katha No. 1020/955/6/2/27 & 28 (old No. 955/6/2), formed out of converted survey No.6/2 (vide O.M.NO.ALN(S)(N)SR/38/2011-12 dated 28.07.2011) of Hosakerehalli Village, Uttarahalli hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, now under the limits of BBMP Rajarajeshwari Ward No.160, Bengaluru measuring East to West (43'03"+47'06")/2 feet North to South 40 feet totally 1815 Sq.ft. with constructions thereon bounded on : East by: Property No.26, West by: 30ft Road, North by: Private Property, South by: 20ft. Road.

(24) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Applicants: (1) Mr. R Sreedhar and Guarantor Mr. Dr. Srinivas

Total amount mentioned in the Demand Notice Date : 26.07.2023 for Rs.3,64,68,332/. And Possession Notice Dated 31.07.2024 for Liability Rs.4,36,80,271/- plus further applicable interest from 01.07.2024 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 26.07.2023 Possession Notice Date: 30.07.2024

Description of the Immovable Property: Mr. R Sreedhar All that piece and parcel of the property bearing site No.2, Property No. 7-1-3-105, Old Katha No.1680, Present Katha No.1769/1660, situated at Anjani Layout, No.105, Benagaluru Road, Block No.1, Chinthamani, Chikkaballapur Town, Ward No.7, measuring East to West 21.336043 mts, North to South 12.192024 in all 260.1284 Sq.mts with constructions and bounded on: East by : Bengaluru – Chinthamani High Way, West by : Conservancy, North by : CMC Road, South by : Property No.3 of A Block.

Date : 21.09.2024, Place : Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Sri Raghavendra Sahakara Bank Niyamitha**

asrec (India) Limited

Dynasty Business Park, Unit no. A-212, 2nd Floor, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai-400 059.

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION – SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

(Under Rule 8(6) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

WHEREAS,

ASREC (India) Ltd., a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 is registered with Reserve Bank of India as a Securitisation and Reconstruction Company under section 3 of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act, 2002) having its Registered Office at Solitaire Corporate Park, Building No.2 – Unit No. 201-202 & 200A-200B, Ground Floor, Andheri Ghatkopar Link Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai-400 093 (hereinafter referred to as "ASREC") and secured creditors of **Mr Raju Sohanlal Monga Borrower** by virtue of registered Deed of Assignment Agreement dated 25.03.2021 executed, with original lender Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd, whereby ASREC (India) Ltd., in its capacity as trustee of ASREC PS-12/2020-21 Trust, has acquired the financial assets of aforesaid borrowers from Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd with all rights, title and interest together with underlying security interest under Section 5 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002.

The Authorized Officer of Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd in exercise of powers conferred under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI) and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, had issued a demand notice dated 24.09.2019 u/s 13(2) of the said act calling upon the borrower **Mr Raju Sohanlal Monga** for repayment of total outstanding amount aggregating to **Rs. 1,77,52,146/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy Seven Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand One hundred Forty Six only)** with further interest thereon in respect of the advances granted by the Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd to the Borrower Mr Raju Sohanlal Monga within the stipulated period of 60 days. The said Demand Notice dated 24.09.2019 under Sec 13 (2) of the said Act served upon you and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(4) read with Enforcement of Securities (Interest) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer of ASREC (India) Ltd. took physical possession of the property more particularly described in Schedule here under on 08.09.2023 of Flat WETO4A1403, 14th Floor, Alder Tower, BMP Hebbal Village, Bengaluru.

As the abovementioned Borrower having failed to repay the entire outstanding amount as per said demand notice, the Authorized Officer of ASREC (India) Ltd. took physical possession of the property more particularly described in Schedule here under of Flat WETO4A1403, on 08.09.2023 and the same was published on 13.09.2023 in The New Indian Express (English) and Kanada Prabha Bengaluru.

Since the entire dues have not been cleared, Notice is hereby given to the public in general and Borrower in particular that the Authorised Officer hereby intends to sell the below mentioned secured property for recovery of dues, as per aforesaid demand notice u/s 13 (2) after giving due credit to the payment received subsequent to the said notice, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and hence the tenders/bids are invited in sealed cover for the purchase of the secured property. The property shall be sold strictly on **"AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" "As is Whatever Condition There is" and "NO RECOURSE"** basis.

Description of the Secured Assets	Reserve Price (Rs. in Lakh)	E.M.D. (Rs. in Lakh)	Bid Increment (In Rs.)
Residential Flat No. WETO4A1403, admeasuring 1746.89 sq.ft. super built up equivalent to 1433.88 sq ft. built up area along with parking lot AL- 09, in 14th Floor of Alder Tower, "A" Wing, Godrej Woodsmen Estate Apartment constructed on Katha bearing No. 776/54/732/450/T-44/111-A-1403, Ward No. 18, BMP Hebbal Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bellary Road, Bengaluru North taluk, Bengaluru, Owned by Mr. Raju Sohanlal Monga.	141.00	14.10	1,00,000/-

TERMS & CONDITIONS: -

1. THE E-AUCTION WILL BE HELD ON 16.10.2024 BETWEEN 11.00 A.M TO 12.00 PM WITH UNLIMITED AUTO TIME EXTENSION OF 5 MINUTES EACH, TILL THE SALE IS CONCLUDED.

2. E-auction will be conducted under "online electronic bidding" through ASREC's approved service provider M/s. C1 INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED at website: https://www.bankeauctions.com (web portal of M/s C1 INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED.). E-auction tender document containing online e-auction bid form, declaration, General Terms and Conditions of online e-auction sale are available in websites: www.asrecindia.co.in and https://www.bankeauctions.com. The intending bidder shall hold a valid e-mail address. The contacts of **M/s. C1 India Private Limited - Mr. Bhavik Pandya, Mobile : +91 8866682937, Help Line No. : (+91- 124-4302020/ 21/ 22, + 917291981124/ 1125/ 1126, Email:gujarat@c1india.com, support@bankeauctions.com.**

3. Registration of the enlisted bidders will be carried out by the service provider and the user ID or Password will be communicated to the bidders through e-mail. The bidders will be provided necessary training on e-auction free of cost. Neither ASREC nor the service provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure on the part of bidder on account of network disruptions. To ward off such incidents, bidders are advised to make all necessary arrangements such as alternative power back-up etc.

4. The particulars given by Authorised Officer are stated to the best of his knowledge, belief and records. Authorised Officer shall not be responsible for any error, mis-statement or omission etc. The intending bidders should make their own independent enquiries regarding encumbrances, title of property put on auction and claims/rights/dues affecting the property prior to submitting their bids. The e-auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of ASREC. The property is being sold with all existing encumbrances whether known or unknown to ASREC. The Authorised Officer / Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/ rights/views.

5. Bids in the prescribed format given in the tender document shall be uploaded on the website of C1 India Pvt. Ltd. viz. bankeauctions.com on or before 15.10.2024 upto 4.00 p.m. The bid form or EMD received late for any reason whatsoever will not be entertained. Bid without EMD shall be rejected summarily.

6. The intending purchasers / bidders are required to deposit EMD amount either through NEFT /RTGS in the Account No. : 009020110001517, with Bank of India, SSI, Andheri Branch, Name of the Account / Name of the Beneficiary : ASREC PS-12/2020-21 TRUST, IFSC Code : BKID 0000090.

7. The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of the successful bidder shall be retained towards part of sale consideration and the EMD of unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded in the same way. The EMD shall not bear any interest. The bidders are requested to give particulars of their bank account to facilitate quick and proper refund.

8. The successful bidder shall immediately i.e. on the same day or not later than next working day, as the case may be, deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD amount deposited) to the Authorised Officer and in default of such deposit, EMD will be forfeited and the property shall be sold again.

9. The balance amount of the sale price shall be paid on or before 15th day of confirmation of sale of the property or such extended period as may be agreed upon in writing between the secured creditor and successful bidder. In default of payment within above stipulated time period, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may be subsequently sold.

10. The sale shall be subject to provisions of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule 2002.

11. The interested bidders can inspect the property on 09.10.2024 from 11.00 A.M to 2.00 P.M. Contact Details: Mr. Suresh Ganjam – Cell No.- 9004608923 (Bengaluru), Mr. A. Jaganath. Rao - Cell No.- 9892911241-. 022- 61387057, Mr. Harshad Garude- Cell No 9594692251, 022-61387057, may be contacted for any query.

12. The Authorised officer reserves absolute right to accept or reject any or all offers and/or modify any terms/conditions without assigning any reasons thereof.

13. The successful bidder would bear the charges/fees payable for GST, registration, stamp duty, registration fee, incidental expenses etc. as applicable as per law.

14. The highest bid will be subject to approval of the secured creditor.

15. This notice, under Rule 8 (6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule 2002, will also serve as 15 days' notice to the borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors for sale of secured property under SARFAESI Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules on the above mentioned date if their outstanding dues are not paid in full.

Date : 23.09.2024 **Sd/-**
Place: Mumbai **Authorized Officer,**
ASREC (India) Limited

The Tiruvallur district police have recovered Rs 2.15 crore in cash from a private bus near Gummidipoondi in Thiruvallur district on Sunday. The cash was handed over to the Income Tax department for inquiry. The private bus was heading to Madhavaram from Hyderabad

Tensions rise as HYDRAA razes encroachments in Hyderabad

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THE CPM's After a lull of over two weeks, the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Monitoring and Protection Agency (HYDRAA) resumed operations on Sunday, undertaking large-scale demolitions of unauthorised structures built within the full tank level (FTL) and buffer zone of water bodies in Nalla Cheruvu, Kukatpally, Balanagar mandal, and on government lands in Kistareddypet and Patelguda of Ameenpur mandal. The government successfully reclaimed eight acres of encroached land, a statement by HYDRAA said.

As the demolitions proceeded, distressing scenes unfolded, with many families in tears. Several locals expressed anger, accusing authorities of targeting the poor while leaving influential people untouched. Affected people criticised the state government for carrying out the demolitions without prior notice, resulting in damaged household items and belongings. Some residents, including pregnant women and elderly individuals, were visibly distraught.

Many people also alleged that they had taken out loans to buy the property, which was now destroyed, leaving them homeless and on the streets. One affected woman was seen pleading with police and HYDRAA officials not to demolish their home. She begged for time to at least move their belongings to an alternative place, but authorities proceeded with the demolition despite the pleas.

Police moved the families away from the demolition sites as women, some beating their chests, attempted to stop the process. Women officers intervened to prevent them from reaching the site, while others folded their hands and pleaded with the authorities to spare their properties.

AP GOVT FORMS SIT TO PROBE LADDU ROW

Shanti Homam, Panchagavya Prokshana to be held in Tirumala temple premises

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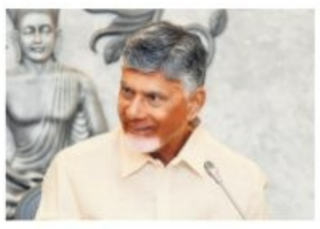

A Special Investigation Team (SIT) headed by an IG and above rank officer was constituted by the Andhra Pradesh government to probe into the Tirumala Laddu Prasdam row. Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu announced this effect at a media conference on Sunday. He said the SIT will probe into the use of adulterated ghee, which was reported to contain animal fat, in the making of the Laddu Prasadam offered to Lord Venkateswara Swamy in Tirumala temple. "The SIT will investigate all issues including procurement of the ghee, and misuse of power among others, and submit a report to the State government. Based on the report, stern action will be taken against the culprits. There is no compromise in safeguarding the sanctity of the temple and its traditions," the Chief Minister said.

Chandrababu Naidu also announced that based on the recommendation of Agama Advisors of Tirumala temple, it has been decided to perform Shanti Homam and Panchagavya Prokshana in Tirumala temples to sanctify the temple premises and surroundings. "The Shanti Homam will be performed at Yagashala near Bangaru Bhavi (golden well) in Srivari temple on Monday," he explained.

The Chief Minister said the endowment minister has been asked to take up similar practices in all other temples after verifying the quality of the ingredients used for making Prasadams and rituals conducted in the respective temples. He said a committee would be formed with Agama pandits and experts to come out with Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to be followed in temples based on respective Agamas and Sastras of the respective temples.

"For us, sentiments of devotees are above all. We are a committee to ensure communal harmony. We do not want one religious person to work in or be part of the boards of other regions. Similarly, we will ensure no criminal or anti-social elements is inducted into any temple board or institutions related to religions," he asserted.

CENTRE READY TO PROBE SUPPLY OF ADULTERATED GHEE TO TTD: BANDI

Karimnagar: Describing the alleged use of beef and fish oil in preparation of laddu prasadam at the Lord Venkateshwara shrine in Tirumala as unfortunate, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar said that the Union government will conduct an inquiry into the issue. Sanjay said, "Some forces are trying to hurt the sentiments and self-respect of the Hindus. Union Health Minister JP Nadda is looking into this problem. ." Sanjay also suggested that the AP government should not give TTD jobs to members of other religious communities. "During the previous regime too, I raised this issue and made a similar request," he added. "There are allegations that firms in Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu have supplied this adulterated ghee. These needs to be probed. If required, the case will be handed over to the CBI," he said.

PEJAVAR SEER SEEKS SEVERE PUNISHMENT FOR CULPRITS IN LADDU CASE

Udupi: Sri Vishwaprasanna Theertha Swamiji of Sri Pejavar Mutt, Udupi who is also the trustee of Sri Ram Janmabhoomi Theerth Kshetra Trust speaking about the Tirupati laddu controversy, said that religious shrines should be managed by Hindu institutions, and not governments. In a video message, the pontiff who is in Ayodhya now said that the Tirupati laddu incident has reinforced the Supreme Court's observation regarding the management of Hindu religious shrines. Hindu religious institutions should manage the Hindu shrines, he said. Pointing out that devotees regard the presiding deity of Tirupati as the protector of cows, the pontiff said, providing 'prasadam' made of cow fat to the protector of cows is a cruel offence done purposefully. Sri Sugunendra Theertha Swamiji of Paryaya Sri Puthige Mutt, Udupi also joined Pejavar Seer in condemning the incident. He stated that the incident is unpardonable as it has hurt the religious sentiments of many devotees.

EX-CM WRITES TO PM MODI SEEKING SWIFT ACTION

Vijayawada: YSRC chief and former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy on Sunday shot off a letter to PM Modi, seeking swift action against the baseless allegations made by Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu pertaining to the Tirumala temple Laddu Prasadam. In his 8-page letter, the YSRC chief strongly criticised Naidu for spreading malicious propaganda on the purity of ghee used in the preparation of the sacred Tirumala Laddu.

JUNK BY THE BEACH

Waste of idols washes up after immersion on the sands of Nochukuppam, in Chennai on Sunday. The idols of Ganesha and Viswakarma were immersed in the sea | PJAWAHAR

EXPRESS READ

Two minor girls gangraped, 3 detained

Rourkela: In a shocking incident, two minor girls were allegedly gang-raped by three miscreants behind the Birsa Munda multi-purpose stadium under Plant Site police limits here on Saturday evening. While four more miscreants were waiting for their turn to commit the heinous crime, the victims escaped saving their lives. Police detained three accused persons. Zone - III DSP Nirmal Mohapatra said further investigation is underway to ascertain involvement of others.

TN CM Stalin to meet PM Modi on Sept 27

Chennai: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin will be meeting PM Narendra Modi in New Delhi on September 27. The CM is expected to submit a memorandum on Tamil Nadu's demands in various sectors, particularly regarding the delay in the allocation of central funds for Phase II of the Chennai Metro Rail Project and for the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan scheme relating to the school education department.

Manjari Chaturvedi (L) at OLF in Bhubaneswar on Sunday | SHAMIM QURESHY

With stories from Kashmir to Phulera, OLF ends with a bang

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@ Bhubaneswar

ANGER has subsided after abrogation of Article 370 in Kashmir but many in the valley are still not happy. The other side (those with a different view) feels trapped and needs support to come to terms with the new circumstances, said veteran theatre actor and director MK Raina on Sunday. Speaking at Odisha Literary Festival 2024, Raina emphasised that a cultural renaissance is needed in Kashmir to reclaim the lost cultural space and bring change in the valley.

There was huge anger (in the valley) after abrogation of Article 370 but they have begun to reconcile. However, they are not happy, Raina said. He said after Article 370, those having a different view have gone silent and are not able defend themselves as there is no support system for them. "They are trapped and need love and support to make them feel that it is also their land," he said. He stressed the citizens cannot be hated if they are bad or demanding the impossible.

"They should be given the love to inculcate the feeling of belonging. There are limitations on both the sides," he said. On the day, deputy chief minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo called upon students and budding poets to pursue their passion of writing and take life forward by analysing the world beyond what they are taught in schools. Addressing the concluding day of the Odisha Literary Festival held under the auspices of The New Indian Express, Singh Deo recalled that during his time in school, students never got the opportunity to write poems.

"I will be very candid and honest here, in our time students never got the opportunity to write poems in school. I was not the person who was interested in poetry or studies. I was a last bencher and least interested to learn what was taught in class. Our heart and soul was in the play team. Sports is something in which I spent most of my time in school," he said.

The *TNIE* also hosted an inter-school poetry competition. SAI International School bagged the first prize. DAV Public School, Unit-8 and KiiT International School were adjudged the second and third runners up respectively. SAI's Class 11 student Tarun Tapan Bhuyan was secured the first prize and a cash award of ₹25,000. While DAV's Class 10 student Prapti Pratiksha Sahoo was awarded the second prize of ₹15,000 and KiiT's Class 12 student Taksheel Mohanty received the third prize of ₹10,000. Dy CM Singhdeo gave away the cheques to the students. Speaking on

'The art of biography: knowing the limits', historian and award-winning author Hindol Sengupta said a lot has been written on the non-violent history of India's freedom struggle. The time has come to write about a definitive violent history of the freedom movement. He said there are many heroes in the freedom movement who have been left out. Sri Aurobindo is a strange combination of both violent and non-violent," he said.

Siddu calls Lingayat leaders' meet to discuss 2A quota

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Lingayat leaders take an oath at an advocates' conference in Belagavi | EXPRESS

TO discuss the delay in '2A reservation' to the Lingayat Panchamsali community, a state-level conference of Lingayat Advocates was held in Belagavi on Sunday. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah addressed the conference over a phone call, and spoke to Jay Mrityunjay Swami of Panchamasali Peetha, Kudalasangama, and assured him to hold a meeting with the Panchamsali Lingayat leaders on October 15.

At the conference held in Gandhi Bhavan on Sunday, the pontiff of Panchamsali Peetha said, "We do not protest looking at who is sitting in the government. Keep the political fight in your home and do not make politics a hurdle, when fighting for reservation. We do not usually knock the doors of the court, but when we do, we will not step back until the government is defeated."

He also said, "I have sought help from everyone in the community. Now, I have reached the advocates. A message should be sent to the government that we are united, and will not step back from the fight until reservation is given. MLAs and ministers of the community should not neglect our demand. MLAs Vinay Kulkarni, Shivshankar, Yatnal are also participating in the meet. Bommai would not have had to face the current situation if he had given reservation when he was the CM. Protest by the community members is a key reason for Siddaramaiah to become the Chief Minister. He became the CM because of Bommai's mistake," the seer added.

Vijaypura MLA Basangouda Patil-Yatnal said, "Chief Minister Siddaramaih should take decision on giving 2A reservation to the Panchamsali Lingayats before the winter session in Belagavi. Otherwise, a protest to seize the Suvarna Soudha will begin. He is not interested in giving ST reservation to the Kuruba community. Thus, I am doubtful that he will take any decision, as promised to the pontiff. We should be ready to stage a massive protest as well, if a decision is not taken," he said.

There was a big conspiracy made during the session that instructed the speaker to not give permission to the legislators to speak about the reservation to Lingayats. However, I spoke as the speaker gave me permission," he added, and also alleged that top BJP leaders including Yediyurappa have been a hurdle for '2A reservation' for Lingayats, while Union minister Amit Shah had given green signal. Community advocates participated in large numbers in the conference.

Kochi corpn plans cafes for elderly; first one launched

ANNA JOSE @KOCHII

A space where the elderly, and their families and caretakers come together and engage in conversations, games and other lifestyle-enhancement activities.

That's what the Kochi corporation is planning to do in a move to address the issues related to dementia and care for the elderly population. As part of this, the first memory cafe was launched at Samrithi, where the corporation runs its subsidised food outlet, on Saturday to coincide with World Alzheimer's Day.

Named Smrithiyoram, the first-of-its-kind initiative in the state will see the civic body setting up similar cafes at other venues to address challenges related to dementia by involving the elderly and their caregivers in conversations, games, training, and other lifestyle-enhancement activities. The meetings will be held once a month, on second Saturdays.

Smrithiyoram is an informal group of people led by resource persons: doctors, physiotherapists, and other experts, said Dr Praveen G Pai, the focal point of the World Health Organisation's Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities in Kochi.

"There is no labelling or structure for these groups. The participants can engage with other members, discuss, and spend time together to improve their mental and physical well-being as they age. These are support groups with a maximum of 15 people," he said.

Tight security for Ganesha procession in Gauribidanur

Gauribidanur (Chikkaballapur): For the first time in the history of Chikballapur district, around 500 policemen were deputed for Ganesha idol immersion procession in Gauribidanur on Sunday. Superintendent of Police Kushal Chowksey left nothing to chance to ensure that the procession was smooth. The move comes after a slew of incidents that led to tension during the processions across the state. DySPs, circle-inspectors, sub-inspectors, assistant sub-inspectors and many constables were deployed. Hundreds of people thronged the procession raising slogans, dancing to the tunes of music and raised saffron flags. The police had also installed CCTV footage all along the procession route. Interestingly, members of the Muslim community distributed juice and water bottle to the participants of the procession.

Yaduveer succeeds in assuring Jains to halt pigeon feeding near palace

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IN a key development aimed at preserving Mysuru's architectural heritage, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar successfully mediated a resolution to halt pigeon feeding near the iconic Mysuru Palace during a public discussion held here on Sunday.

The activity, which had been a morning ritual for the local Jain community group and several other like-minded people under the name 'Kabutar Daan', had caused concerns among preservationists and local authorities due to the damage caused by bird droppings.

On Sunday, Wadiyar who had called for a public discussion saw participation of people from all walks of life. The discussion included prominent citizens, environmentalists, and medical professionals. Jain community leader Yash Vinod Jain, speaking at the meeting, acknowledged the unintentional harm caused by the daily feeding.

"We were unaware that our community's well-intentioned act of feeding pigeons was leading to such issues. From Monday, we will halt this practice," he said, adding that efforts would be made to request other community groups to stop as well.

MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar speaking at a public discussion on pigeon feeding menace near the palace on Sunday | EXPRESS

The primary concerns raised revolved around the harmful-effects of pigeon droppings on heritage structures, specifically the palace. Experts warned that the droppings, rich in uric acid, were eroding the marble and stone surfaces, causing harm to the historical site's structural integrity.

Medical experts Dr Madhu and Dr Murali Mohan also raised alarms about the health risks posed by the increasing pigeon population. "Pigeons are like 'sky rats,' and their population growth is harmful to urban biodiversity. They push out other bird species like crows and mynas, which help keep the environment clean. Pigeons also contribute to respiratory problems, including hypersensitivity pneumonia, asthma, and lung diseases," they cautioned.

Historian Prof N S Rangaraju pointed out the significance of preserving Mysuru's unique heritage and noted that the beauty of the palace, along with surrounding temples and historical buildings, played a vital role in defining the city's charm. "The buildup of pigeon droppings damages the sheen of marble and other stones, making cleaning an arduous task," he explained.

Yaduveer echoed these sentiments, noting that his late mother had previously urged authorities to take measures to stop grain feeding near the palace. "The Blue Rock Pigeons are not native to this region, and there is no need to feed them. This practice is disturbing the city's ecological balance," Wadiyar remarked.

EDITORIAL

"I summarize the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as two peaceful peoples who form the majority, caught in the crossfire between extremists who are the minority—each dreaming of annihilating the other they call enemy

Mouloud Benzadi

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— Ramnath Goenka

CENSUS MUST BE DONE AT THE EARLIEST FOR EFFECTIVE POLICYMAKING

HOME Minister Amit Shah recently stated that the Census, which has been delayed by three years, would start soon. The Census, which has been taking place every 10 years without failure since 1881, is of paramount importance as it throws up a wide range of crucial information on demography, economic and health status of the population, family structure, economic activities, migration pattern, etc. There has been a sea change in all the parameters mentioned earlier since the last Census took place in 2011. In the absence of a new one, which was slated to take place in 2021 but could not due to the Covid pandemic, policymakers are groping in the dark to devise new policies for a country with as dynamic a demography as India. The Census captures not just the total population of the country, but also age, gender, religion, and language-wise division of the population. It captures data on fertility rate, it gives important insight into the nature of employment, employability as well as education levels of the population. Census also asks questions of nature and reasons for migration of people from villages to towns and towns to cities. The data, thus, collated can then be analysed further to arrive at many important conclusions. Census data becomes the basis for other important surveys like National Family Health Survey and Periodic Labour Force.

The Census data, thus, is the backbone for policy formulation, resource allocation and tracking progress in the country. More importantly, it helps the governments at every level to decide the future course of actions – whether it is infrastructure building, urban planning, environmental policies or devising social sector policies. Since the last Census was in 2011, any new policy decisions based on this outdated date might lead to disastrous consequences. The country needs a new set of data that gives the correct picture of the nation's development over the past 13 years. The new Census should be able to tell us whether we are on the correct path as far as policymaking is concerned or should we do a course correction. India is bestowed with a demographic dividend, but if we do not have the correct picture of the demography, the dividend might turn out to be a disaster. Therefore, it is imperative for the government to be serious about conducting the Census as soon as possible.

NEED FAIR PROBE ON LADDU ROW TO ALLAY CONCERNS

THE Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) is a sacred institution that runs one of the holiest shrines, Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple, in the world and is known for its efficiency. Given the sanctity of the hill shrine and what it means spiritually for devotees, it is unfortunate that the TTD has found itself in the eye of a storm over alleged adulteration of the famous Srivari Laddu *prasadam*. Controversies are, of course, not new to it but none has shaken the faith of the devout. And, neither will the latest controversy.

Nonetheless, if as is being alleged, adulterated ghee was used in preparation of the laddu, it will dent the credibility of the TTD and hurt the religious sentiments of devotees. The onus to place the facts before the public is not only on the institution but also the State government. The manner in which Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu dropped the bombshell that animal fat was used in making the *prasadam* and subsequent disclosure of a report from the NDDB CALF in Gujarat showing animal fat in samples of ghee sent by the TTD in July, raise more questions than answers. Firstly, the TTD executive officer clarified that only one out of five suppliers was found to have sent adulterated ghee. Significantly, the same was not used in preparation of the laddu. However, with the ruling TDP and the chief minister himself claiming that animal fat was used – not in July but under the previous YSRC regime—the issue has turned political. What we need to know is whether there is evidence to prove that adulterated ghee was used from 2019 to 2024 June when the YSRC was in power. The claim that pure ghee could not have been supplied at a lower rate and hence, it must have been adulterated comes under the realm of speculation and casts doubts on the procedures in place in TTD. Secondly, why did the government wait for two months to make the issue public?

To restore the credibility of the TTD and allay apprehensions of the devotees, the TTD and the government must make public all reports pertaining to the procurement and quality of ghee since 2014. It will be clear then whether adulterated ghee was used. A thorough enquiry by an independent body of experts monitored by court should be ordered since the issue has been highly politicised. Last, but not the least, the parties must refrain from making inflammatory statements.

QUICK TAKE

INFLUENCING THE INFLUENCERS

APOLOGY videos seem to have become a sub-genre for some of the world's top YouTube influencers. After Pewdiepie, James Charles and Jeffree Star, it was Logan Paul's turn to post a *mea culpa* not long ago. The transgressions of these stars, who monetise zero-byte clicks into millions of dollars, have ranged from offensive images and misrepresentation to inappropriate texts. Now MrBeast, who has tried to stand apart in this cutthroat business with well-publicised philanthropic initiatives, has been sued for allegedly exploiting a game show's contestants. Young wannabes jumping into these uncharted waters would do well to first know the legal lifelines that can save them from its dark undercurrents.

This wasn't the first time Israel used non-conventional warfare in a foreign territory. It may deflect attention from Gaza, but the effects will be felt there too

EXPLOSIONS IN LEBANON ECHO IN PALESTINE

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ISRAEL delivered another devastating blow to Hezbollah, the Iran-backed Shia militia in Lebanon that has conducted terrorist attacks against Israel for decades. After the Gaza war began, Hezbollah launched attacks against Israel in support of Hamas, another Iran-backed organisation. Israel's cyberattack was unexpected, highly sophisticated and innovative. It used digital communication to blow up pagers carried by Hezbollah members, killing around 30 people and injuring thousands. Some civilians in the vicinity were caught in the crossfire.

The pagers received a message from the top Hamas leadership when they detonated. While Hezbollah promptly blamed Israel, the latter acknowledged responsibility.

Hezbollah has vowed to avenge the attacks. Hasan Nasrallah, the Hezbollah leader, made a TV address saying these attacks have crossed a line and they will lob rockets into Israel. Nasrallah has asserted that Israel's attacks will not cause any fracturing in the ranks and will lead to greater determination and higher morale to confront it. Much of this is rhetoric to satisfy a wounded ego since Hezbollah does not have the military capacity to take on Israel.

Meanwhile, Israel has continued its strikes against Hamas and retaliated against revenge attacks by Hezbollah. Israeli fighter jets have attacked Hezbollah camps in Southern Lebanon and have been flying over Beirut as a warning. Iran's ambassador to Lebanon, Mojtaba Amani, was also injured, confirming he was using a pager networked with Hezbollah.

Hezbollah heralded its arrival by three bomb blasts in Beirut. Its base is in the area with 32 percent of Lebanon's Shia population. Lebanon is fractured along religious and sectarian lines among Shias, Sunnis, Christians and Druze communities.

In October 1983, Hezbollah organised the bombing of the multinational force, killing a large number of Americans and French military personnel. A Hezbollah suicide bomber rammed his explosive-laden car into the building housing the American Marine Battalion and another one did the same to the French Multinational Force nearby. The 1982 Israeli invasion and occupation of Southern Lebanon helped Iran bring together various Shia militant groups under the Hezbollah banner.

Hezbollah was formed with Iran's help in 1980 to fight the Israeli occupation of southern Lebanon. Israel withdrew in 2000. In the following years, Hezbollah has turned into Lebanon's most powerful political party and fighting force, extending its reach into Syria, Iraq, Yemen and elsewhere in West Asia. Hezbollah has also developed an extensive apparatus to support social services, communications and internal security. Iran's Islamic regime has regarded Israel and its strategic ally, the US, as an existential threat.

These latest attacks raise questions about Israel's modus operandi and implications for the ongoing conflict in West Asia. How did Israel manage to intercept and introduce explosives into communication devices? The names of two companies, one in Taiwan and the other in Hungary, have surfaced. Both manufacture the brand of pagers used by Hezbollah. Both have denied responsibility. One Japanese company's name also came up, but it announced it stopped making such pagers 10 years ago. Clearly, Israel injected itself into the supply chain to get physical access to the pagers.

Israel has a long history of asymmetric warfare against its numerous enemies. In 2010, Stuxnet, a powerful computer malware designed jointly by Israel and the US, was deployed against Iran that disabled computers that controlled centrifuges for uranium enrichment at Natanz for Iran's nuclear weapons programme. The malware is reported to have been introduced by an Iranian double agent.

In April 2021, Iran accused Israel of a cyberattack on an underground nuclear facility. Mohsen Fakhrizadeh, a leading Iranian nuclear scientist, was killed by a remote-controlled machine gun mounted on a remote-controlled Nissan car. Earlier in 2010, Israeli agents killed Mahmoud al Mabhouh, a Hamas leader, in a hotel in Dubai. Mossad agents posing as tourists carried out the hit. In 2000, Samih Malabi was killed when a mobile phone exploded while he was speaking. In 1997, Israeli agents using Canadian passports tried to poison Hamas leader Khaled Meshaal in Amman. Jordanian authorities arrested the agents and Israel had to make a deal by providing an antidote to the poison.

When I was serving as a diplomat in the Indian embassy in Tel Aviv, there was the case of Yahya Ayyash in 1996, a Palestinian bomb-maker whose prowess earned him the nickname 'engineer'. He caused the deaths of around 90 Israelis in bombing attacks. Ayyash was eliminated by a mobile phone explosion as he was talking. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine spokesperson Bassam Abu Sharif was severely injured in 1972 when he opened a book with implanted explosives delivered to him in Beirut. Hezbollah switched to pagers for communication after these incidents to evade location-tracking. This would have alerted Israel that Hezbollah would be procuring these devices.

Post-revolution Iran, ruled by mullahs, have regarded Israel as its arch enemy. Iran has organised the "Axis of Resistance" that included Hamas, Hezbollah and the Houthis in Yemen.

The fallout of the cyberattacks will have its impact on the ongoing conflict in Gaza. Israel has sent the message that it can attack its enemies in the most unexpected manner. This message aims to deter Hezbollah and others, and aims at sowing division among Lebanon's population whose non-Shia population has been long fed up with Iran's machinations using their Hezbollah proxy. Clearly, Israel feels the conflict with Hezbollah will not end and has prepared for a war of attrition. Whether Israel will take the next step of invading southern Lebanon is a moot question.

Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu has vowed to ensure the approximately 60,000 displaced Israelis return home to northern Israel. The cyberattacks have been welcomed by Israelis and bolstered Netanyahu's political fortunes.

The conflict in Gaza shows no sign of ending and negotiations for the release of Israeli hostages have floundered. Some hostages recently have been killed by Hamas and were found in a tunnel in Gaza. The increasing profile of cyberwarfare also indicates a change of strategy as conventional warfare has not helped achieve Israel's goals. While this round of cyberattacks will not lead to a full-scale regional war, it is bound to deflect attention from the conflict in Gaza.

(Views are personal)

THE HOLIEST MAN OF THE AGE IN UNDIVIDED INDIA

RENUKA NARAYANAN

FAITHLINE

THE only time I went to Pakistan was for the first-ever SAARC lit fest to be held there 20 years ago. We crossed the border on foot at Wagah and drove to Lahore. *The Dawn* newspaper got in touch as I was from the media and hospitably asked if there was anything special I wanted to see or do in Lahore.

I wanted to pay my respects at the shrine of Sufi saint Mian Mir (1550-1635). He was apparently a direct descendant of an Arab caliph and belonged to the Qadiri order of Sufism. He migrated to and settled in Lahore at the age of 25. Legend says Mian Mir was invited by Guru Arjan Dev, the fifth Sikh Guru, to lay the foundation stone of no less than the Golden Temple at Amritsar. Guru Arjan Dev apparently asked him because it was foretold that the holiest man of the age would lay the *neev* or foundation of the temple. Since Guru Arjan Dev considered Mian Mir to be that person in then undivided Punjab, he invited him to do the honours and the Sufi agreed.

Yet another story goes that Mughal emperor Jehangir came to the saint in full imperial pomp. But Mian Mir's doorkeepers stopped him at the gate and asked him to wait until their master gave permission to enter. Jahangir was annoyed. No one had ever made him wait in his life. After a while, he was ushered into Mian Mir's presence. Unable to hide his bruised ego, Jehangir told Mian Mir in Persian as soon as he entered, "*Ba dar-e-darvis darbane na-bayd*" meaning 'At the door of a fakir, there should be no sentry'. Mian Mir replied, "*Babayd keh sage dunia na ayad*", meaning 'So that just anybody may not enter'.

Jehangir asked for blessings on the invasion he planned on the Deccan. But it seems Mian Mir refused to bless him. He openly called Jehangir greedy, saying he had plenty of land already but still wanted more. However, that did not result in any unpleasantness for the Sufi since his spiritual aura was such that Jehangir merely went away abashed. Interestingly, Mian Mir's student was Jehangir's grandson, Dara Shikoh. The very Dara who won Hindu hearts in his time with his respect and understanding read Mian Mir's funeral oration.

In passing, it's hard to overlook the fact that Dara is the big might-have-been in Indian history. If he had won the Battle of Samugarh in May 1658 against Aurangzeb and become the Mughal emperor instead of his brother, India may have never had to endure Partition. Whereas Aurangzeb's violent legacy of communal hatred, furthered by British divide-and-rule, was unresolved by the clashing ambitions of 20th-century Indian politi-

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cal players. This legacy of hate culminated almost inevitably in Partition. Such thoughts, not unnaturally, crossed my mind en route to Mian Mir's shrine.

As a Deccani, I appreciated Mian Mir's principled stand against Jehangir and took flowers to offer at his shrine. The sweet scent of roses at the shrine lingers in my mind even after all these years. I found myself quite moved because I was deeply touched by the shrine's peaceful aura. As a South Asian, I accept that some holy places are '*jagrut*' or alive and if you're lucky, you may tune in to the *Anhad Naad* or the hidden melody of the cosmos. It can be like that at temples in India. You feel very connected to some, others don't particularly touch you and the atmosphere can even put you off at some places, which is not God's fault but man's.

I had first encountered the name Mian Mir in Rudyard Kipling's book *Kim* from 1901, a staple in Indian bookshelves in the 20th century. Kim, the eponymous homeless orphan hero is a street-smart urchin in Lahore who befriends an innocent, unworldly lama from Tibet. The lama is travelling around in then undivided India. Kim appoints himself the lama's guardian and they decide to go from Lahore to Ambala by train. To quote from the book,

'The lama, not so well used to trains as he had pretended, started as the 3.25 am south-bound roared in.

"It is the train—only the te-rain. Wait!" Amazed at the lama's immense simplicity (he had handed him a small bag full of rupees), Kim asked and paid for a ticket to Umballa. A sleepy clerk grunted and flung out a ticket to the next station, just six miles distant.

"Nay," said Kim, scanning it with a grin. "This may serve farmers, but I live in the city of Lahore. It was cleverly done, Babu. Now give the ticket to Umballa." The babu scowled and dealt the proper ticket. "Never did yogi need chela as thou dost," Kim went on merrily to the bewildered lama. "They would have flung thee out at Mian Mir but for me."'

It was *Kim* that impelled my interest in visiting Mian Mir because I loved the book so much. If you'd like to read this book, because almost nobody gives us a sense of North India in the 19th century like Kipling, you can read it for free on the net.

When I started researching Mian Mir, I discovered the Golden Temple connection. This made me even more keen to go there as I love the Golden Temple. After visiting Mian Mir, I bought a new copy of *Kim* for my father from the Lahore Museum. It felt right.

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Shaken confidence

Ref: *Tirupati laddu shocker: A letter to the Andhra CM* (Sep 22). The laddu *prasadam* at the Tirumala temple was revealed to be contaminated with animal fat and fish oil. This can clearly be the tale of other temples under the AP government. The TDP must restore the confidence of devotees and ensure no such complaints rear their head again.
S Lakshmi, Hyderabad

Government silence

The mental agony caused to millions of devotees due to this issue is beyond comprehension. The AP chief minister must come up with their response to the points raised in this column, in particular to why they kept the report silent for two months.
TK Panduranga Rao, Chennai

In-house laboratory

The author has rightly suggested TTD to set up an in-house FSSAI-certified laboratory in one of its universities in Tirupati. It can collaborate with Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University to set it up.
Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati

AAP's Sun

Ref: *For AAP, Kejriwalism is the only fuel* (Sep 22). AAP has a long list of second-rung leaders, one of whom has taken over as the new Delhi CM after Arvind Kejriwal's resignation. But there can be no denying that he is the Sun around whom the party's planets revolve. Manish Sisodia, the only contender for Kejriwal's throne, might be back after a 17-month incarceration, but he is unlikely to pose any challenge to the supremo.
C V Aravind, Bengaluru

Kejriwalism, populism

Truism of platitude is that Modi and Kejriwal are mass mobilisers and vote catchers. Modi's incontrovertible charisma is transcendental across the nation and abroad too, while that of Kejriwal's is restricted to parochial political territories. Likening AAP to the Grand Old Party too seems incongruous. Kejriwalism is nothing but a modernised version of populism through freebie culture.
Venkat Desikan, Chennai

Modernising pilgrimages

Helicopter services to Kedarnath pilgrims have increased to modernise spiritual travel so it may easily reach thousands of devotees. This shift from traditional treks to aerial routes underlines an unbalanced victory of progress over the essence of the sacred journey, but very important environmental and infrastructural concerns plaguing Uttarakhand's fragile ecosystem still have to be taken into consideration.
Saumitree Mukherjee, Bengaluru

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Gajendra Singh Shekhawat @gssjodhpur
In our tradition, daughters are the centre of the family. It is a pleasure that in every corner of India, daughters are now studying and setting new standards!

KC Venugopal @kcvenugopalmp
It is downright cruel on part of the Finance Minister to suggest that Anna (EY employee) should have learnt stress management at home. This kind of victim blaming is despicable...

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
Positive journalism is the guide of democracy. The role of media is like the third eye; its unblinking eyes makes governments alert, vigilant and cautious.

■ Actor MK Raina says Art 370 removal not enough ■ Hindol Sengupta says many heroes of freedom movement left out

'Those with different view in J&K too need support'

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ANGER has subsided after abrogation of Article 370 in Kashmir but many in the valley are still not happy. The other side (those with a different view) feels trapped and needs support to come to terms with the new circumstances, said veteran theatre actor and director MK Raina on Sunday.

Speaking at Odisha Literary Festival 2024, Raina emphasised that a cultural renaissance is needed in Kashmir to reclaim the lost cultural space and bring change in the valley. There was huge anger (in the valley) after abrogation of Article 370 but they have begun to reconcile. However, they are not happy, Raina said.

The actor said after Article 370, those having a different view have gone silent and are not able defend themselves as there is no support system for them. "They are trapped and need love and support to make them feel that it is also their land," he said.

He stressed the citizens cannot be hated if they are bad or demanding the impossible. "They should be given the love to inculcate the feeling of belonging. There are limitations on both the sides," he said.

Recalling the violence in Kashmir that resulted in exodus of lakhs of Kashmiri Pandits from the valley, Raina, a Kashmiri Pandit himself, rued that the country did not bother about them and even now over five lakh people are living in exile within the country.

MK Raina speaks during the session 'Finding Solace Theatre and Therapy' at the Odisha Literary Festival in Bhubaneswar on Sunday | DEBADATTA MALLICK

A leading cultural figure of the country who has been working with the children of Kashmir, he advocated for a cultural renaissance to bring change. "We may now see a lot of celebrations there but the genuine cultural space which allows people to ask questions or contests an idea is still missing. That space needs to be restored to make people question, answer, debate and get a space to talk among themselves. Instead of pelting stones, they should be talking through cultural action," he said.

In conversation with senior journalist Kaveree Bamzai, he recalled the horror of Kashmir division and the 1990 unrest in which he lost his ailing mother. He also mentioned the suffering of soldiers posted there during the turmoil.

The author of 'Before I Forget', however, underlined that Kashmir is not completely anti-India and that there are huge population blocks in the valley that are pro-India."

Sharing each others pain in the Valley, though, remains a big task," Raina said.

Time to write the violent history of Indian freedom movement, says author

HEMANT KUMAR ROUT @ Bhubaneswar

A LOT has been written on the non-violent history of India's freedom struggle. The time has come to write about a definitive violent history on the freedom movement, said historian and award-winning author **Hindol Sengupta** on the concluding day of the Odisha Literary Festival, on Sunday.

Speaking on 'The Art of Biography: Knowing the Limits', he said there are many heroes in the freedom movement who have been left out. Sri Aurobindo was a strange combination of both violent and non-violent freedom struggle.

The author of 'The Man Who Saved India' and 'Being Hindu' said, it is rubbish that the British left India due to the salt movement by Mahatma Gandhi.

"These are lies we have been told in the name of history. The British were fatally weakened after the Second World War and realised that they cannot even keep their ships along Bombay coast. They in fact, preponed their exit and ran away," he said.

Though Sengupta did not entirely discount the power of Gandhiji's message or what the Congress party had done at that time, he simultaneously said the historians could have been more realistic and written about the realpolitik behind it.

Sengupta said people would be more interested to know the history of King Marthanda Varma, who beat Dutch East India Company in the battle of Colachel which is the first-ever Asiatic principality to bring down a great European power. But Indians are not taught that history. "How will India have a grand strategy when it has no proper history of it?" he asked.

What happens in India is that either people write hagiographies or they are so irrationally particular that they end up doing character assassination. Getting a complete and holistic view of characters should be central while writing biographies, he said.

The session was moderated by consulting editor of The Sunday Standard, Ravi Shankar Etteth.

US to return 297 antiquities stolen from India

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

THE Biden administration has facilitated the return of 297 antiquities to India during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the US in a move that could foster greater cultural understanding between the world's two big democracies.

Modi on Sunday expressed deep appreciation for US President Joe Biden for ensuring the return of the "invaluable" antiquities. "Deepening cultural connect and strengthening the fight against illicit trafficking of cultural properties. I am extremely grateful to President Biden and the US government for ensuring the return of 297 invaluable antiquities to India," PM wrote on X.

According to PMO, the antiquities to be returned to India from the US belong to periods spanning almost 4000 years, from 2000 BCE to 1900 CE.

"A majority of the antiquities are terracotta artefacts from eastern India, while others are made in stone, metal, wood and ivory, and belong to different parts of India," said an official.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with US President Joe Biden at a meeting in Delaware, United States | EXPRESS

In July, India and the US signed the first agreement to prevent illegal trafficking of cultural property and return of antiquarian objects to their places of origin.

"On the occasion of the visit of PM Modi, the US side facilitated the return of 297 antiquities that have been stolen or trafficked from India. These will shortly be repatriated to India and in a symbolic handing over, a few select pieces were showcased to the PM and President Biden on the sidelines of their bilateral meeting in Walmington," said a statement from the PMO.

The antiquities to be brought back to India include Apsara in sandstone from central India belonging to 10-11th century; Jain Tirthankar in bronze from central India dating back to 15-16th century; terracota vase from eastern India (3-4th century); Lord Ganesh in bronze from South India (17-18th century); standing Lord Buddha in sandstone from North India (15-16th century); Lord Vishnu in bronze from eastern India (17-18th century), and an anthropomorphic figure in copper from North India belonging to 2000-1800 BCE.

"Since 2016, the US government has facilitated the return of a large number of trafficked or stolen antiquities. Ten antiquities were returned during the PM's visit to the US in June 2016; 157 antiquities during his visit in September 2021 and 105 antiquities during his visit in June last year. The total number of cultural artefacts returned from the US since 2016 stands at 578. This is the maximum number of cultural artefacts returned by any country to India," the PMO said.

President-elect Dissanayake appeals to public to abjure violence, intimidation

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SRI LANKA'S election history has been marred by election violence from time to time. But the 2024 polls witnessed minimum incidents. "NO person should be killed for supporting a political movement. It is a citizen's inherent right. People must be free to engage in politics and not be victimised for that," he added. Towards this, Sri Lanka must break free from the old ways of celebrating political victories — by hurting and harming political opponents. There should be no pain caused to another because of elections," he emphasised.

Dissanayake appealed to the public to desist from all forms of violence and intimidation and to ensure that all elections hereafter, are conducted peacefully. "If we hold one peaceful election and the next one is violent, that's not true change. We need to see consistency in the exercising of our democratic rights," he said.

The president-elect noted that Sri Lanka was divided along many lines. "We must reduce these divisions as much as we can. Different political parties exist and that's democratic. While we support different political ideologies, debate and disagree, there must be enough room to come together to make collective decisions for the benefit of the people. We must overcome many of our differences, whenever required, to ensure people's aspirations are met."

Commandos stand guard outside a counting centre in Colombo on Sunday | PTI

"Such agreements are about political consensus and bonds we create to make peoples' victories possible. Laws are not enough — there's much that's beyond the legal framework to ensure true change — and that's possible when a new political culture is ushered in only," Dismayed added.

Promising to honour the mandate bestowed on him, Dissanayake said to serve all Sri Lankans with commitment and to lead the nation towards an era of revival — economic, political, social, and cultural. "This is a historic moment and massive public aspirations ride on this people's mandate. Being able to hold this presidential election itself is an achievement," he said.

Dissanayake will be sworn in as the ninth president of Sri Lanka.

Amid raging row, Waqf Bill JPC gets 1.2 cr responses

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) for the Waqf Board (Amendment) Bill, 2024, has reportedly received more than 1.2 crore email responses from across the country, both for and against the proposed Bill. This comes amid campaigns launched by rival groups to muster support for their respective viewpoints on the draft law. Currently chaired by BJP MP **Jagdambika Pal**, the JPC members, drawn from both Houses of Parliament, have met many times to elicit various suggestions on the Bill.

The JPC has also sought suggestions of stakeholders from all sections of the society through email and letters.

Sources said the recent JPC meeting was held on Thursday, where many Opposition members had heated arguments with the ruling party members who pitched for the Bill, citing various references in support of the proposed legislation.

Sources said the All India Muslim Personal Law Board representatives argued against the Bill while, surprisingly, some people belonging to Pasamanda Samaj aired their voices in support of the Bill at Thursday's meeting held in Delhi.

Sources said the panel has also received 75,000 responses with documents to support the respective views, prompting the panel to seek additional staff from the Lok Sabha Secretariat. With a massive response, the panel has got 15 additional personnel from the Lok Sabha secretariat to go through the email responses, categorise them as pro and against the Bill and arrange relevant attached documents.

The proposed Bill seeking amendment in the Waqf Board and its property rights has snowballed into a major row between the ruling BJP and Oppositions, including several Muslim organisations.

Controversial radical Islamic preacher Zakir Naik also appealed to his supporters to oppose the Waqf (Amendment) Bill by sending responses to the parliamentary panel examining the draft law.

In reaction to this appeal, several Hindu organisations also acted and issued similar appeals to the supporters of the draft Bill. In August, the JPC had also sought written suggestions from the general public, NGOs, experts, stakeholders and institutions.

The JPC members are learnt to have decided to visit five major cities — Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Chennai and Bengaluru — to seek feedback from government officials, legal experts, Waqf Board members and community representatives from September 26.

The panel is examining key aspects of the Bill through consultations. The key issues include digitisation of records, more rigorous auditing processes, enhanced legal measures for dealing with encroachments, and decentralisation of Waqft management.

Backing from Pasmandas

On the JPC's meeting in Delhi on Thursday, many Opposition members had heated arguments with the ruling party members who pitched for the Bill. The All India Muslim Personal Law Board representatives argued against the Waqf Bill while, surprisingly, some people belonging to Pasamanda Samaj aired their voices in support of the proposed legislation.

POWER GAMES

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Haryana Polls

RAHUL CRACKS WHIP AS HOODA-SELJA RIFT WIDENS

The rift between Congress heavyweights Bhupinder Singh Hooda and Kumari Selja is causing quite a stir in Haryana, and it could derail the party's hopes of returning to power after a ten-year slump. Selja is fuming over the ticket distribution and has decided to pull back from campaigning. In fact, the last time she was seen out and about was when she accompanied a candidate for nomination—eleven days ago! Her biggest pain point is that she couldn't secure tickets for her loyal supporters in her Lok Sabha constituency, Sirsa, where she won by a staggering 262,000 votes just a few months ago. Her absence is reportedly causing concern among Dalit voters, who were just starting to lean towards Congress, thanks to the party's aggressive push for pro-reservation policies. In light of this mess, Rahul Gandhi has stepped in to try and mend fences. He has tasked Ashok Gehlot, the party's election in-charge for Haryana, with convincing Selja to get back in the game. Plus, party treasurer Ajay Maken, who was in charge of screening candidates, has also been asked to reach out to her. Rahul's message is clear: the party must present a united front, and factionalism isn't an option. Meanwhile, the ruling BJP is eager to capitalise on the divide. Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has asked Selja to quit Congress and join his party. Sources close to Selja ruled out the possibility of her leaving the party. However, the Congress internecine fight is sure to impact the party's electoral performance in the state.

Full Circle

DELHI GOVT MAY BRING BACK PVT LIQUOR RETAILERS

The liquor retail business in the National Capital Territory of Delhi is likely to come full circle, with the state government reportedly planning to bring back private liquor retailers. The AAP government introduced a new liquor policy in 2021; however, this policy was withdrawn in 2022 following allegations of corruption, which led to the arrest of Arvind Kejriwal and Manish Sisodia, along with many private vendors. Before the introduction of the new policy, liquor was sold in Delhi through both government and private vends. With the new policy, the government withdrew from the liquor sale business, and the entire operation was handed over to private players. However, when the 2021 policy was withdrawn, the government did not renew the licences of the private retailers who sold liquor before the introduction of the new policy. The business has since been exclusively handled by the government. The exit of private players led to a significant drop in the number of vends. Sources say the state government's revenue from liquor sales has also dropped over the last two years. They indicated that the government is, therefore, actively considering bringing back private retailers by renewing the licenses of the pre-2021 licensees. There were over 250 private vends in operation before the announcement of the new liquor policy. The government currently operates over 500 liquor shops in the national capital.

EXPRESS READ

Uday Bhanu Chib new Youth Congress president

The Congress on Sunday appointed Uday Bhanu Chib the president of the Indian Youth Congress (IYC), making him the second leader from Jammu and Kashmir to head the key frontal organisation of the party after Ghulam Nabi Azad. The appointment comes amid a key three-phase assembly election in Jammu and Kashmir. Chib replaces Srinivas BV, whose tenure of more than five years was seen as an eventful one, with his relief work during the Covid being a major talking point.

Speaker to inaugurate presiding officers' conference

Lok Sabha speaker Om Birla will inaugurate a two-day conference of presiding officers of the India region of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association on Monday. The attending presiding officers belonging to the legislatures of states and UTs will deliberate on the theme 'The role of legislative bodies in the attainment of sustainable and inclusive development'. As many as 46 presiding officers, four chairpersons, 25 speakers, three deputy chairpersons, and 14 deputy speakers of legislatures of states and Union territories will attend the conference. The association's India region was created in 2004 and has 31 member branches.

BROTHERS MURDER

Police have booked three brothers for allegedly killing a shopkeeper here who refused to sell them a tobacco packet, police said on Sunday. The incident occurred late Saturday night in Kurthal village

2 DIE OF ELECTROCUTION AT PROCESSION IN PUNE

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	34	27	Mumbai	32	27
Bhopal	32	24	Panaji	29	26
Jaipur	33	24	Patna	38	27
Amritsar	37	25	Lucknow	35	27
Chennai	33	28	Port Blair	31	27
Kolkata	38	28	Imphal	33	22
Srinagar	32	14	Chandigarh	35	25

● BJP top leaders land in party stronghold Jammu for second phase of polling on Sept 25 ● NC's Omar Abdullah among key contenders

No stone-thrower will be freed: Shah

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE BJP came out with its top guns blazing for the second phase of Assembly polls in J&K scheduled for Wednesday. The party's top brass — Home Minister Amit Shah, party chief JP Nadda and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh — Sunday campaigned for its candidates in the Jammu region.

Shah addressed a rally in the border area of Nowshera, asserting that no stone-thrower and terrorist would be released. Nadda and Rajnath in their rallies accused NC-Congress of following Pak agenda.

For the second day, Shah campaigned for BJP candidates in the region, the party's stronghold, from where it expects big gains.

"The trend of the first phase of voting shows that National Conference and Congress are being wiped out in J&K," Shah said while addressing a rally in Nowshera, close to the Line of Control in Rajouri district, in favour of J&K BJP chief Ravindra Raina.

He said the Abdullahs and Gandhi family have set out to end reservations and bring back terrorism. "They speak for terrorism in their so-called 'Mohabbat ki dukan,' which J&K people are about to close down," said Shah. The NC, PDP and Congress want to free stone-throwers and terrorists from prisons, he said. "However, I want to make it clear that no stone-thrower or terrorists will be released," he said, adding that during the Modi government's tenure militants have been killed. "Terrorism would be buried deep into the ground," he asserted.

Home Minister Amit Shah at a poll rally in Nowshera on Sunday | PTI

The BJP will release a white paper on terrorism, which will reveal who had biriyani with terrorists and who brought terrorism into Kashmir, Shah said.

About NC and PDP's poll pledge on restoring Article 370, Shah said, "That is now a thing of past and cannot be restored. I want to tell Abdullahs that even three generations of yours can't bring it back; it can never be brought back."

On construction of underground bunkers for border people, Shah said it is good and may help some day. "But I want to tell you that there will be no need of bunkers as none can dare to fire a bullet."

BJP chief JP Nadda while addressing party workers at Barnai and Greater Kailash in Jammu said the NC-Congress alliance is misleading people by promising restoration of Article 370. "These parties are following the agenda of Pakistan which was articulated by that country's defence minister," he said. "Today, we have one Constitution, one flag and one PM."

Claiming that there is a strong wave in favour of BJP, Nadda said BJP's victory in J&K is essential for the interests of the country and J&K. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh also addressed an election rally in Poonch in support of BJP candidate Choudhary Abdul Gani. Hitting out at Pakistan, he said, that country was being envious of democracy flourishing in J&K post Article 370 abrogation.

"How will you restore that Article as only a government at the Centre has the power to do so?" he asserted.

Will protect constitutional rights: Kharge

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Sunday reaffirmed the party's commitment to protecting the constitutional rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Kharge said that the Congress' seven guarantees for Jammu and Kashmir aim to usher in a brighter future. "The Congress pledges to safeguard the constitutional rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Our progressive development agenda is for everyone," Kharge said on X. Kharge highlighted a presentation detailing the Congress' 7 guarantees, and said "these will bring about a brighter future by focusing on social justice and economic power."

Fate of four party heads at stake in phase-2 of polls

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE future of the heads of four political parties – NC's Omar Abdullah, J&K Congress chief Tariq Hamid Karra, BJP unit chief Ravindra Raina and Apni Party's Altaf Bukhari -- is at stake in the second phase of J&K Assembly polls due September 25.

Omar Abdullah, former J&K Chief Minister and NC vice president, who had earlier said that he would not contest Assembly polls till the statehood to J&K was restored, is contesting from two seats, Ganderbal and Budgam (in central Kashmir).

Ganderbal was a stronghold of the Abdullahs and the constituency elected the CM. Omar faces stiff competition from PDP's Bashir Ahmed Mir and former NC MLA Ishfaq Jabbar. There are two more candidates -- jailed cleric Sarjan Barkati and ex-Kashmir chamber's chief Sheikh Ashiq, a candidate of Er Rashid's Awami Ittehad Party (AIP) in the fray.

Omar is also contesting from the "safe seat" of Budgam and is banking on party MP and influential Shia leader Aga Ruhullah's support.

J&K BJP chief Ravindra Raina is contesting for the second time from Nowshera in border district of Rajouri.

Raina, the firebrand leader, has been holding reins of BJP in J&K since the fall of PDP-BJP coalition government in June 2018 and abrogation of Article 370 on August 5, 2019. The election is also important for J&K Congress chief Tariq Hamid Karra, who is contesting from Central Shalteng in Srinagar.

Karra is supported by NC and faces competition from his former colleague Noor Mohammad and NC rebel Irfan Shah.

Altaf Bukhari floated Apni Party with other former PDP leaders in March 2020. He is contesting from the Chanapora seat in Srinagar. His party has been labeled as BJP's proxy by NC, PDP and Congress.

DECIDE

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BJP faces backlash in Vadodara in viral video

The ruling BJP has been grappling with protests following recent rains in Vadodara. In a viral social media video, Bhartibehan, a woman reportedly linked to the ruling party, accused BJP MLA Keyur Rokadia and other leaders of corruption. She said, "You leaders collect money through scams, but what about ordinary citizens?" In the video, Bhartibehan asked Rokadia why he speaks of the past, referencing 1972-75, when Vadodara has consistently voted for the BJP over the last 30 years. "BJP candidates have won in every poll. Gujarat has had a BJP government for three decades—what has been accomplished?" she asked.

MP writes to Collector over officials' neglect

In Chhota Udepur district, there is a buzz that officials are ignoring the region's leaders. A letter circulating on social media has fuelled the buzz, raising concerns that officials are not engaging with the public or meeting elected representatives. Chhota Udepur MP Jashubhai Rathwa's letter submitted to the collector on September 17 highlights his frustrations. Rathwa claims that officials fail to provide timely responses to his queries, often supplying incomplete information. He also noted that answers are frequently delivered a day before coordination committee meetings.

Stir for Bharat Ratna to Bhavnagar Maharaja

Kshatriyas in Gujarat have renewed their call for awarding Bharat Ratna to Maharaja Krishnakumar Singh of Bhavnagar, highlighting his contributions to social causes. The demand was raised under the banner of the "Samast Kshatriya Shakti Asmita Mancha" during a convention held in Ahmedabad on September 20. Ex-CM Shankarsinh Vaghela attended the event. Speculation has grown since Vaghela met Home Minister Amit Shah at Gandhinagar a month earlier. Sources suggest this visit might be linked to the Mancha's formation, with the Kshatriya community's dissatisfaction after a statement by BJP MP Purushottam Rupala.

TRAGEDY AVERTED

Probe launched as detonators found on tracks

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

MULTIPLE detonators (harmless crackers), some of which exploded while a military special train was passing through that railway track in Burhanpur district of Madhya Pradesh recently, have prompted the railway protection force (RPF) to launch a probe.

The incident happened on September 18 afternoon near Sagphata station, which is located in the densely forested area between Khandwa and Nepanagar stations of south-western MP. Some of the detonators exploded while the military special train reportedly from Jammu and Kashmir to Karnataka was passing through the track, prompting the loco pilots of the concerned special train to temporarily halt the train there.

The incident which happened under the Bhusawal division of the Central Railway, prompted instating of a probe by the RPF. According to informed sources, the RPF investigators are questioning some local railway staff, particularly as these detonators are used by the Railways only.

Jharkhand HC orders prompt restoration of internet services in state

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

THE Jharkhand High Court on Sunday ordered the immediate restoration of internet services, which was withdrawn across the state for conducting the JSSC CGL (Combined Graduate Level) competitive examinations on September 21 and 22. Following the court order, internet services were restored immediately, even before the completion of the examination.

A division bench of Justices Ananda Sen and Anubha Rawat Chaudhary directed the state government to obtain prior approval from the state High Court before disrupting the internet services.

"Jharkhand High Court has directed the state government to restore the internet services immediately, which were disrupted for over 6 hours on Saturday and Sunday for conducting the JSSC (CGL) examination in Jharkhand. The court also stated that prior orders from the HC will be necessary for disrupting the internet services in future," said Advocate Dheeraj Kumar.

Court sought reply

Earlier, the court had sought a reply from the state government over its decision to disrupt the Internet services across the state for more than six hours for conducting the examinations on September 21 and 22. It had also questioned the government's policy for such a shutdown

Earlier, the court had sought a reply from the state government over its decision to disrupt the Internet services across the state for more than six hours for conducting the examinations on September 21 and 22. It had also questioned the government's policy for such a shutdown and whether the decision would be in force for all the exams.

Meanwhile, state BJP president Babulal Marandi attacked the state government for shutting down the internet across the state, saying, "Hemant government is scared of the BJP's statewide Parivartan Yatra. On the pretext of preventing malpractice in the exam, the govt suspended the internet to stop the promotion of the yatra."

Didi writes to Modi, says 'DVC released water without consulting Bengal govt'

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @ Kolkata

CHIEF Minister Mamata Banerjee has sent Prime Minister Narendra Modi another letter on the flood situation in West Bengal, maintaining that Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) released water from its reservoirs without consulting her government, inundating several districts.

Responding to Banerjee's earlier letter to the PM, Union Jal Shakti Minister CR Paatil had said the state's officials were informed at every stage about the release of water from the DVC reservoirs, which was essential to prevent a major disaster.

To which Banerjee said, "While the Hon'ble minister claims that the release from DVC dams was carried out by consensus and collaboration with the Damodar Valley Reservoir Regulation Committee, including consultations with representatives of the government of West Bengal, I may respectfully disagree."

"All the critical decisions are made unilaterally by representatives of the Central Water Commission, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India without arriving at a consensus," she said.

Vendors on a waterlogged street after water level of River Hooghly in Kolkata | PTI

Flood in Bihar's 12 dists

Flood water has gushed into 12 districts of Bihar even as people are being evacuated from the low-lying areas of these districts. Patna, Buxar, Bhojpur, Vaishali, Katihar, Bhagalpur, Khagaria, Lakhisarai, Munger, Samastipur, Begusarai and Vaishali are among the worst affected districts. As many as 1288 boats and 18 boat ambulances have been pressed into service into the affected areas, sources at state disaster management department say.

Banerjee claimed that sometimes water is released without any notice to the state and the views of her government are not honoured.

"Moreover, peak release from the reservoirs lasting for a prolonged period of nine hours were conducted with only 3.5 hours notice which proved insufficient for effective disaster management," she said in the letter dated September 21, which was made public on Sunday.

In her earlier letter to the PM Modi on September 20, she claimed that 5 million people in the state were affected by the floods, and urged him to immediately release central funds. In his letter, Paatil explained that the releases were managed by the Damodar Valley Reservoir Regulation Committee, which includes representatives from the Central Water Commissionand DVC.

Tirupati prasad row: Widespread outrage among saints in Haridwar

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

A laboratory report revealing the use of fish oil and animal fat in the laddus offered to devotees at Tirupati temple has sparked outrage among saints in Haridwar. "This is a conspiracy against Sanatan Dharma, not just limited to Andhra Pradesh but across the entire country," said Mahant Gyan Das, president of Akhara Parishad.

The saint community has demanded stringent action against those responsible. "The culprits should be hanged," said Acharya Narendra Giri, a spiritual leader. "If stringent action is not taken against those hurting Sanatan faith through Tirupati Balaji Temple's 'prasad', such elements will get embolded," warned Mahant Ravindrapuri Maharaj, president of Akhil Bharatiya Akhara Parishad Mahanirvani. "Lord Vishnu Himself resides in Tirupati Balaji temple. Those involved in this conspiracy must be investigated,"

Ravindrapuri said. In a letter to the government, he demanded a CBI probe and public hanging of those found guilty. "This is a conspiracy against Sanatan dharma, and we will not tolerate it," Ravindrapuri added.

Acharya Mahamandaleshwar Swami Kailashanand, the chief of Niranjani Peeth, said, "Approximately 900 million people in India follow the Balaji tradition. If such a conspiracy is hatched in this temple, it not only involves domestic conspirators but also foreign elements and people involved in terrorist activities."

In a bid to ensure purity and quality, he demanded that 'prasad' samples be collected from major temples across India. "Besides Ayodhya, Kashi, and Mathura, samples of prasad should also be taken from pilgrimage centres like Shirdi Sai Baba Temple," Kailashanand said.

Ravindrapuri has called for the immediate dissolution of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD) Board, citing its alleged ignorance and ineffectiveness in managing the Tirupati Balaji Temple.

"The TTD Board has been completely oblivious to the concerns of the temple," Ravindrapuri said. "I demand that the board be dissolved with immediate effect and a new Sanatan Raksha Board be constituted in its place," he demanded. Eminent saints, including Mahamandaleshwar Prakash and Mahamandaleshwar Harichetanand, joined the chorus, stressing the need for Hindu leaders to take charge.

Rhino lives on, poaching down by 86%: Himanta

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

ASSAM has scripted a success story in the conservation of rhinos, the pride of the Assamese. As the state celebrated the World Rhino Day on Sunday, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said poaching of the animal dropped by 86% since the BJP rose to power in the state in 2016 by upsetting the Congress applecart.

The BJP had made inroads into the Northeast by winning Assam in 2016.

Ahead of that year's Assam elections, the party had promised that it would protect the rhinos if voted to power.

Sarma said under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, the rhinos were safer than ever. "Since the double engine government took charge in 2016, poaching has dropped by 86%. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to promoting and preserving our living heritage. Rhinos are synonymous to the identity of Assam. They are our pride and the crown jewel of our biodiversity," he said reacting to a post on X by the PM.

Sarma said the state's BJP-led government had taken various initiatives to protect the prized species, expand its habitat and ensure its safety. He reaffirmed the government's commitment to protecting the rhinos.

Modi had made an appeal to reiterate the commitment to protecting "one of our planet's most iconic species – rhinos". He complimented everyone involved in the conservation of the animal.

"It is a matter of immense pride that India is home to a large number of one-horned rhinos. I also fondly recall my visit to Kaziranga in Assam and urge you all to visit there as well," the PM said.

According to the rhino census of 2022, Assam has 2,895 rhinos – 2,613 of them in the 1,300 sq km Kaziranga National Park & Tiger Reserve which is a World Heritage Site. Orang National Park & Tiger Reserve, Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary and Manas National Park & Tiger Reserve have 125, 107 and 50 rhinos respectively.

Poaching dropped drastically especially after Sarma had donned the chief minister's mantle in May 2021. That year, only one rhino was killed while the year 2022 was incident-free. One rhino was killed last year and two so far this year.

Forest officials said various measures taken by the state government helped curb the incidents of poaching at Kaziranga. One of the interventions is the constitution of a Special Rhino Protection Force which added teeth to the existing anti-poaching units and the task force. The coordination among forest guards and officials, police and locals living in the park's fringe areas also helped check the killings.

Leopard terror stalks Rajasthan villages; 3 killed

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

ATTACKS by a man-eating leopard have unleashed terror in three villages of Udaipur district in south Rajasthan. Over the past week, the leopard has repeatedly attacked villagers, resulting in three deaths.

The presence of the animal has instilled fear and panic among the 6,000 residents of the affected villages. Despite efforts by forest authorities, the leopard remains at large, prompting the involvement of the Indian Army.

Search operations using drones are also underway to capture the leopard. The most recent attack occurred on Friday in Umaria village of Chhali, where a 55-year-old woman, Hamari Bai, fell victim to the leopard when she was working on the field when the leopard suddenly struck her.

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World War-1 bomb was safely removed in Belgrade

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	24	12	SNY	Los Angeles	29	17	SNY
Colombo	32	28	SNY	Melbourne	19	11	SNY
Dhaka	34	28	SNY	Moscow	16	4	SNY
Dubai	40	30	SNY	New York	21	15	SNY
Houston	33	25	LR	Singapore	32	26	SNY
Istanbul	25	16	SNY	Toronto	20	18	LR
London	19	14	LR	Washington	22	15	LC

Hezbollah launches rockets into north Israel

Militant wing's deputy leader Naim Kassem says the rocket attack is just the beginning of an open-ended battle

NAHARIYA

HEZBOLLAH launched more than 100 rockets early Sunday across northern Israel, with some landing near the city of Haifa, as Israel launched hundreds of strikes on Lebanon. A Hezbollah leader declared an "open-ended battle" was underway as both sides appeared to be spiraling closer toward all-out war.

The overnight rocket barrage was in response to Israeli attacks in Lebanon that have killed dozens, including a veteran Hezbollah commander, and an unprecedented attack targeting the group's communications devices. Air raid sirens across northern Israel sent hundreds of thousands of people scrambling into shelters.

Hezbollah's deputy leader Naim Kassem said the rocket attack was just the beginning of what's now an open-ended battle" with Israel.

"We admit that we are pained. We are humans. But as we are pained — you will also be pained," Kassem said at the funeral of top Hezbollah commander Ibrahim Akil.

One rocket struck near a residential building in Kiryat Bialik, a city near Haifa, wounding at least three people and setting buildings and cars ablaze. Israel's Magen David Adom rescue service said four people were wounded by shrapnel in the barrage.

Avi Vazana raced to a shelter with his wife and 9-month-old baby before he heard the rocket hitting in Kiryat Bialik. Then he went back outside to see if anyone was hurt.

"I ran without shoes, without a shirt, only with pants. I ran to this house when everything was still on fire to try to find if there are other people," he said.

Lebanon's Health Ministry said that three people were killed and another four wounded in Israeli strikes near the border.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel would take whatever action was necessary to restore security in the north and allow people to return to their homes. "No country can accept the wanton rocketing of its cities. We can't accept it either," he said.

In the United States, White House national security spokesman John Kirby remained hopeful for a peaceful resolution, telling "Fox News Sunday" the US has been "involved in extensive and quite assertive diplomacy."

First responders and Israeli security forces gather amid debris and charred vehicles in Kiryat Bialik in the Haifa district of Israel, following a reported strike by Lebanon's Hezbollah on Sunday | AFP

"We are watching all these escalating tensions that have been occurring over the last week or so, with great concern, and we want to make sure that we can continue to do everything we can to try to prevent this from becoming an all-out war there with Hezbollah across that Lebanese border," he said. "Hundreds of thousands of civilians have come under fire across a lot of northern Israel," said Lt Col Nadav Shoshani, an Israeli military spokesman. "Today we saw fire that was deeper into Israel than before." *AP*

Anura overcomes his party's violent past to win the premiership

COLOMBO

MARXIST leader Anura Kumara Dissanayake rose from a humble background to the pinnacle of leadership in Sri Lanka, presenting himself as a transformative leader to young voters and those tired of the "corrupt politics" of the traditional politicians.

Dissanayake, 56, popularly known as AKD, was on Sunday declared the winner of Saturday's presidential election.

His accession to the post is a remarkable turnaround for his half-century-old party Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP), which had long remained on the margins. He is Sri Lanka's first-ever Marxist party leader to become head of state.

The leader of the JVP's broader front, the National People's Power (NPP), Dissanayake's anti-corruption message and his promise of a change in political culture resonated strongly with young voters who have been demanding system change since the economic crisis.

The NPP's popularity has risen sharply since 2022 after securing only around 3% of the vote in the last presidential election in 2019.

"In our country, only an un-corrupt force will take action against the corrupt. The slogan of punishing the corrupt has been echoed on stage since 1994 under Chandrika, Mahinda, Maithripala and Gotabaya. The corrupt will never punish the corrupt. The corrupt always protect the corrupt. It is the NPP's priority to end corruption," he said in an interview with *Daily Mail* online in August.

Dissanayake, during another event in March, passionately asserted that the political struggle is not merely about a change of government but an endeavour to usher in political, economic, and social transformations of paramount importance in Sri Lanka's history.

He joined the JVP, the mother party of the NPP, in 1987 at the height of their anti-Indian rebellion. The JVP eliminated many activists of all democratic parties that supported the Indo-Lanka Accord of 1987.

The Rajiv Gandhi-J R Jayawardena pact was the direct Indian intervention to solve the Tamil demand for political autonomy in the country. The JVP dubbed the Indian intervention as a betrayal of Sri Lanka's sovereignty. *PTI*

Israeli army shuts *Al Jazeera* office in West Bank

DUBAI

ISRAELI troops raided the offices of the satellite news network *Al Jazeera* in the Israeli-occupied West Bank early Sunday, ordering the bureau to shut down amid a widening campaign by Israel targeting the Qatar-funded broadcaster as it covers the Israel-Hamas war in the Gaza Strip.

Al Jazeera aired footage of Israeli troops live on its Arabic-language channel ordering the office to be shut for 45 days. It follows an order issued in May that saw Israeli police raid *Al Jazeera*'s broadcast position in East Jerusalem, seizing equipment there, preventing its broadcasts in Israel and blocking its websites.

The move marked the first time Israel has ever shuttered a foreign news outlet operating in the country. However, *Al Jazeera* has continued operating in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and in the Gaza Strip, territories that the Palestinians hope to have for their future state.

The Israeli military acknowledged conducting the raid 12 hours later, alleging without providing evidence that the newsroom was "being used to incite terror, to support terrorist activities and that the channel's broadcasts endanger ... security and public order."

Al Jazeera denounced Israel's "unfounded accusations" as it continued broadcasting live from Amman, Jordan, even as Israeli troops welded shut its office doors in Ramallah and confiscated its equipment.

"*Al Jazeera* will not be intimidated or deterred by efforts to silence its coverage," it said.

Armed Israeli troops entered the office and told a reporter live on air that it would be shut down, saying that staff needed to leave immediately. The network later aired what appeared to be Israel troops tearing down a banner on a balcony used by the *Al Jazeera* office.

Al Jazeera said it bore an image of Shireen Abu Akleh, a Palestinian-American journalist shot dead by Israeli forces in May 2022. *AP*

WAR WATCH

ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 352

TOLL SO FAR

43,242

Seven killed in shelter

Civil defence rescuers in Gaza City said an Israeli strike on Sunday on a school-turned-shelter killed at least 7 people, with the Israeli military saying it had targeted Hamas militants. Civil defence agency spokesman Mahmud Bassal reported seven martyrs as a result of Israeli shelling.

UN worried for Lebanon

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned of the risk of transforming Lebanon into "another Gaza." After an intensification of cross-border fire, Guterres said: "what concerns me (is) the possibility of transforming Lebanon (into) another Gaza."

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer

Frockgate denies Starmer victory lap at Labour shindig

LONDON

THIS should be a time of celebration for Britain's Labour Party, which opened its annual conference on Sunday less than three months after winning power in a landslide after 14 years in opposition.

But it's no victory lap for Prime Minister Keir Starmer.

His government is facing a reckoning with a battered economy and an electorate impatient for change. The mood among Labour members gathering in the northwest England city of Liverpool has been further dampened by a tempest over Starmer's acceptance of freebies at a time when the millions of people are struggling with the cost of living.

Starmer insists he followed the rules when he took clothes and designer eyeglasses from Waheed Alli, a media entrepreneur and longtime Labour donor. The clothing scandal was dubbed "frockgate". But after days of negative headlines, the party now says Starmer won't accept any more free outfits.

"I get that people are angry," said Dy Prime Minister Angela Rayner, who also accepted donations to pay for clothing.

"But donations for gifts and hospitality and monetary donations have been a feature of our politics for a very long time," she told the *BBC*. "People can look it up and see what people have had donations for, and the transparency is really important."

Starmer won the July 4 election on a promise to "restore politics as a force for good" after scandal-tarnished years under the Conservatives. *AP*

ASIA MATTERS

MALAYSIA

POLICE ARREST HUNDREDS IN SEX ABUSE CASE

Police said they have arrested hundreds of suspects as part of an investigation into child abuse at care homes run by an Islamic conglomerate. Police said they had arrested Global Ikhwan Service and Business (GISB) leader Nasiruddin Ali along with 30 other members of the group after carrying out raids on scores of premises, including charity homes, businesses and religious schools. At the heart of the investigation is the GISB group, which has long been controversial for its links to the banned Al-Arqam sect. GISB initially denied the allegations. *AFP*

INDONESIA

LABUBU DOLL GRAZE HITS THE NATION

The name Labubu might sound unfamiliar to most, but this cute doll has skyrocketed in popularity after K-Pop idol Lisa from Blackpink was spotted accessorising with it. Labubu has now become a coveted item among collectors in the country, *Jakarta Globe* reported. As soon as Lisa was seen sporting the doll, fans scrambled for it.

SINGAPORE

ISWARAN'S CORRUPTION TRIAL TO BEGIN

More than a year after his arrest by the Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau (CPIB) in July 2023, former transport minister S Iswaran will go to court on Sept 24 to defend himself against 35 criminal charges, *The Straits Times* reported. The first tranche of the High Court trial will be held until Sept 27. Further trial dates have been set in November and from January to March 2025. Iswaran, 62, is the first political office-holder in nearly five decades to be tried in court. Prosecutors have accused him of obtaining items worth more than $400,000 from a billionaire hotelier.

Gas leak triggers blast in Iranian coal mine killing 51, injuring 20 others

TEHRAN

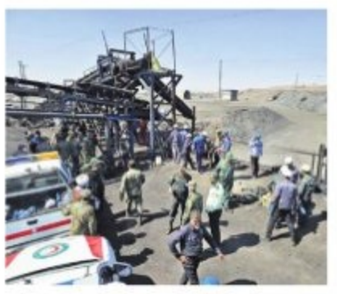
A blast caused by a gas leak at an Iranian coal mine has killed at least 51 people, state media said on Sunday, in one of the country's deadliest work accidents in years.

"The number of dead workers increased to 51" in the explosion at the Tabas mine in eastern Iran, the official *IRNA* news agency reported, revising an earlier death toll of 30.

It added that 20 other people were injured.

The explosion occurred at around 9 pm on Saturday, when around 70 workers were present at the site in South Khorasan province, *IRNA* said. According to the report, a leak of methane gas led to the blast in two blocks of the mine, which is owned by private Iranian firm Madanjoo.

State TV broadcast footage of ambulances and helicopters arriving at Tabas to transport the injured to hospital.



Miners and police officers are seen at the site of a coal mine where methane leak sparked an explosion on Saturday

Online footage carried by *IRNA* showed bodies of some of the victims, wearing their work uniform, carried out of the site on mining carts.

South Khorasan governor Javad Ghenaat told state TV that rescue teams were working to recover the remaining bodies.

An apparent "gas condensation" in the mine is believed to be the cause of the explosion, said Iranian Interior Minister Eskandar Momeni, who was headed to Tabas.

Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian, in remarks carried state TV before departing for the UN General Assembly in New York, offered his condolences to the families of the victims and ordered a probe into the deadly incident.

His first vice president, Mohammad Reza Aref, spoke with cabinet members to ensure "emergency follow-up" and support for the victims and their families, IRNA said.

The authorities have announced three days of public mourning in the eastern province after the deadly blast, according to local media. *AP*

One dead, 11 missing in central Japan after rains trigger floods, landslides

WAJIMA

FLOODS and landslides killed one person and left at least 11 missing in central Japan, with recovery teams at work on Sunday in a remote peninsula already devastated by a major earthquake this year.

"Unprecedented" heavy rains that lashed the area from Saturday began to subside, leaving muddy scenes of destruction as the national weather agency urged people to stay vigilant for loose ground and other dangers.

In the city of Wajima, splintered branches and a huge uprooted tree piled up at a bridge over a river whose raging brown waters almost reached ground level.

People were seen wading into the mud to try to dig out half-buried cars, while elsewhere flood waters inundated emergency housing built for those who had lost their homes in the New Year's Day earthquake that killed at least 318.

Temporary housing – built for people who lost their homes during the January 1, 2024 earthquake – surrounded by floodwaters after heavy rains pounded the area, in the city of Wajima, Ishikawa prefecture, on Sunday | AFP

Eight temporary housing complexes were affected in Wajima and Suzu, two of the cities on the Noto Peninsula ravaged by the magnitude-7.5 quake, which toppled buildings, triggered tsunami waves and sparked a major fire.

More than 540 millimetres of rainfall was recorded in Wajima in the 72 hours to Sunday morning – the heaviest continuous rain since comparative data became available in 1976.

Landslides blocked roads, complicating rescue efforts, and tens of thousands of people in the wider region were urged to evacuate. *AFP*

EXPRESS READ

Trump rules out running again if defeated in Nov

Washington: Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump ruled out running again in the United States 2028 election if he loses in the upcoming November poll, according to an interview aired on Sunday. Responding to a question on whether he would run again if he lost, the 78-year-old former president told the US outlet Full Measure: "No, I don't. I think that that will be, that will be it. I don't see that at all."

21 wounded in Russian strike in Kharkiv

Kyiv: Russia launched new strikes in the Ukrainian city of Kharkiv that hit high-rise apartment buildings, leaving at least 21 wounded in a second consecutive nighttime attack, authorities said. The bombs fell on Saturday night on the district of Shevchenkivsky, north of the centre of Kharkiv, which is the second-largest Ukrainian city, local Gov Oleh Syniehubov said. The wounded included an 8-year-old child, said Kharkiv Mayor Ihor Terekhov.

Kamala to break tradition by skipping charity dinner

PHOENIX

VICE President Kamala Harris will skip this year's Al Smith charity dinner in New York, breaking with presidential tradition so she can campaign instead in a battleground state less than three weeks before Election Day.

The dinner benefitting Catholic Charities traditionally has been used to promote collegiality and good humor, with presidential candidates from both parties appearing on the same night and trading barbs.

Harris' team wants her to spend as much time as possible in the battleground states that will decide the election rather than heavily Democratic New York, a campaign official said on Saturday, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss campaign plans.

Her team told organisers that she would be willing to attend as president if she's elected, the official said. Donald Trump's campaign did not immediately respond to a question about whether he would attend the dinner. His 2016 appearance at the dinner invited boos when many in the audience felt he crossed a line when he called Democrat Hillary Clinton corrupt and claimed she hated Catholics.

This year's white-tie gala is scheduled for Oct 17.

Cardinal Timothy Dolan, who plays a prominent role in the dinner, has been highly critical of Democrats, writing a 2018 Wall Street Journal op-ed that carried the headline, "The Democrats Abandon Catholics."

The Alfred E Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner is named for the former New York governor, a Democrat and the first Roman Catholic to be nominated for president by a major party in 1928. He was handily defeated by Herbert Hoover. *AP*

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Know more about NPS Vatsalaya, a new scheme for children

This scheme is to enhance financial planning and all minor citizens up to 18 years are eligible to open an account with a minimum amount of ₹1,000

MONIKA YADAV @New Delhi

IN an era where financial planning is more crucial than ever, the government has taken a significant step toward securing the financial future of our youngest citizens with the launch of the NPS Vatsalaya scheme.

Designed specifically for children below 18 years of age, this pension scheme aims to instil a culture of saving and investment from an early age. By providing a structured framework for long-term wealth accumulation, NPS Vatsalaya not only offers parents a powerful tool to safeguard their children's financial well-being but also promotes the importance of financial literacy among the next generation.

Key features

This scheme will be regulated and overseen by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority of India (PFRDA). With this scheme, parents have the option to invest a minimum of ₹1,000 every year, with no maximum investment limit. Parents will manage the account until the child turns 18, at which point the account will be transferred into the child's name. The minor will be the sole beneficiary of the scheme. According to Kurian Jose, CEO, Tata Pension Management, by encouraging early investment and providing a structured savings plan, NPS Vatsalya aims to build a robust financial foundation for young individuals. "This innovative approach not only ensures that children receive the benefits of disciplined saving and compounding over time but also fosters a sense of financial responsibility from an early age," he says.

Exit options

After a lock-in period of three years, guardians can withdraw up to 25% of their contributions, which can be done a maximum of three times. This feature is particularly beneficial for addressing significant life events such as education expenses, specified illnesses, or disabilities. Upon the child reaching the age of 18, the account transitions into an NPS Tier-I account, which is part of the All Citizen framework. At this point, the rules regarding exit come into play. If the corpus exceeds ₹2.5 lakh, the individual will be required to use 80% of the corpus to purchase an annuity, while the remaining 20% can be withdrawn as a lump sum. Conversely, if the total corpus is ₹2.5 lakh or less, the entire amount can be withdrawn in one lump sum. In the unfortunate event of the guardian's death, the scheme ensures that the entire corpus is returned to the guardian's designated beneficiary, providing peace of mind and financial security for the child's future. In case of death of both parents, a legally appointed guardian can continue without making contributions until subscribers attain 18 years of age. In case of death of the minor, the entire corpus is returned to the guardian.

SAVING-CUM-PENSION SCHEME FOR MINORS
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3 investment choices are available: Default, Auto and Active choice
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How to open an account

To open an NPS Vatsalaya account, parents can visit various Points of Presence (POPs), which include major banks, India Post, and Pension Funds, or they can use the online platform, e-NPS, for a more convenient option. When setting up the account, guardians need to provide specific documentation to fulfill the Know Your Customer (KYC) requirements. For guardians who are Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), it's essential to have an NRE or NRO bank account—either solo or joint—in the minor's name to complete the registration process. The initial contribution to the NPS Vatsalaya scheme requires a minimum of ₹1,000, with no maximum limit imposed. For subsequent contributions, a minimum of ₹1,000 per year is required.

Investment options

Guardians have the flexibility to select from any of the pension fund managers registered with the PFRDA. When it comes to investment options, there are three choices available. In default choice, the money is invested in a Moderate Life Cycle Fund (LC-50), which allocates 50% in equity. In Auto Choice, guardians can opt for one of the Lifecycle Funds —Aggressive, which invests 75% in equity; Moderate with 50% in equity; or Conservative, which allocates 25% to equity.

In Active Choice, guardians can take a hands-on approach by deciding the allocation of funds across various asset classes, including up to 75% in equity, up to 100% in corporate debt, up to 100% in government securities, and up to 5% in alternative assets. While the scheme has been launched with a lot of fanfare, financial planners are not too excited about it. The corpus accumulated will be illiquid till the age of 60, says Lt Col (Retd) Rochak Bakshi, Founder and CEO of True North Financial Services.

"I feel that it will be better to invest for the child in pooled investments like mutual funds and then hand over the assets to the child on reaching the majority. These mutual funds can be aggressive and thus would have a better returns profile," says Bakshi.

MONEY MATTERS

FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

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HOW TO MAKE SENSE OF THE STOCK MARKET BOOM

BENCHMARK indices like the NSE Nifty 50 and the S&PBSE Sensex are scaling new record highs every week. You may think that you have missed the opportunity. That could prompt you to wait for a correction to time the market. However, that is a tricky idea. If you waited the entire 2024 for the right opportunity, holding more cash in your bank deposits than equity assets, you could feel worse than just fear of missing out or FOMO.

The Nifty and Sensex are among the best-performing stock market indices in the world in 2024. There is no sight of any event that could trigger a correction. That is despite everyone accepting that there are geo-political tensions due to global conflicts. There are signs of a slowdown in Europe. While the US economy is strong and inflation is controlled, job growth is slowing. In India, an analysis in the latest bulletin published by the National Stock Exchange of non-banking Nifty 50 companies' financial results for the quarter ended June 2024 showed that the operating profit growth for Nifty 50 companies slowed at a pace last seen five years ago.

Unabated rally

The rally in India continues unabated despite no fundamental reasons to drive prices. The market capitalisation to GDP ratio has surpassed all previous records and is inching closer to 150%. All of that is due to strong inflows from domestic and foreign institutions. Over the past three years, foreign portfolio investors have pulled the money out of India. However, as the US moves to reduce interest rates over the next 12 months, there will likely be a flood of money towards emerging markets.

India is already a top holding for most regional and emerging market funds. The money flowing into Indian equities is reaching unprecedented levels. There is already a steady monthly flow of mutual fund money flowing into Indian equities. In addition, institutions like the Life Insurance Corporation of India continue to stay committed to investing over ₹1,30,000 crore annually into Indian shares. The other key factor is the participation of individual investors. The response to initial public offerings is another example. Market experts are confident that there are enough companies in the private space willing to absorb the substantial flows of money.

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

However, there is another development. Foreign flows were so far confined to equity markets. In 2024, for the first time, money is flowing into the Indian secondary bond market. Debt flows are much higher than foreign flows. That was anticipated as Indian government bonds were included by benchmark bond indices managed by global bank JP Morgan and others for the first time. However, the money flow in bonds is likely to remain strong.

The Indian shares are not cheap. They are not for domestic investors and foreigners, who have more options in China and other markets. The Indian rupee has remained one of the most stable currencies in emerging markets. That is primarily because of the RBI's astute management of foreign exchanges. Despite strong foreign flows and remittances, RBI has managed to hold the rupee steady. As India is a net importer of commodities and capital goods, it acts as a natural counterbalance to strong foreign flows.

RBI's intervention is minimal now. However, those balances could get disturbed in favour of the Indian rupee. Oil prices are much lower than a year ago period. Commodity prices are also cooler than they were previously. As more foreign and portfolio money flows into equity and debt markets, any fall in imports could put upward pressure on the Indian rupee.

That tends to attract more money from foreigners. If the Indian rupee appreciates, the US dollar returns for foreign investors could look even better, and they may allocate more money to Indian equities and bonds. These scenarios will likely assume a stable political environment and a policy regime.

If you have stayed out of equity assets for long, you must try and engage a professional financial advisor. In these boom times, not having an investment plan is bad.

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KEY FACTORS FOR FIRST-TIME INVESTORS

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writes at www.subramoney.com and has authored the best seller 'Retire Rich - Invest ₹40 a day'

A few things that you should know (or do) as a New Investor –

- Start investing now – Immaterial of what your age is, you should start investing as soon as you know about investing. Most of us know that investing as much as possible, as often as possible and leaving it invested as long as possible is the ONLY secret to good investing. We did not learn this directly, but we learnt compounding which taught us that 'n' was more important than 'r' simply because n was in the Power of the equation!
- If you have no clue about investing and you come from a family that has never invested, it is sensible to get an advisor. Get an advisor who has 10-12 years of experience at least. He or she will keep you grounded in a bull market and build up your courage in a bear market. Think of him as a Financial Coach to whom you can turn for all your money questions.
- Make goals sheet – the way you invest for your daughter's education after 10 years is going to be different from investing for your retirement after 24 years! The money needs to be saved differently for the car that you want to buy in 4 years! For different goals you allocate your investments in different ways.
- Investing in simple Index funds is a great way to start your investment journey. Investing in an index fund means you are investing in the best companies of the category. The BSE index comprises India's top 30 companies and the Nifty 50 represents India's top 50 companies.
- Once you start investing and understand investing and being comfortable with equities you can get into more complex assets. Thus even though you start with Index investing, it does not mean you have to be there all your life. As soon as you are comfortable you can invest in things like large-cap funds, mid-cap funds, multi-asset funds, etc.
- Learn about taxation of investing. Should you invest in your children's name, parents name, clubbing, when to withdraw, capital gains, etc. are as important to know as investing. Not all Chartered Accountants are attentive to changes in taxation of investments, it is important that you LEARN and implement the learnings in your own investment management.
- Be sceptical about anything that you see or hear – whether it is your banker, advisor, blogs, vlogs, magazines, etc. Reading good books on investing is much better than reading articles on investing. Even worse is reading Fund Manager commentary of the situation of the market.
- Accept that you will lose money in equities – and make sure that your parents, wife, children know and understand that this will happen. The support that you need from the house is very important. If you don't involve your immediate family they will be scared and scare you into doing completely wrong things. Being scared is fine, but panicking and selling is the worst thing you can do in a down market.

Boiler India 2024 expo to be held from Sept 25-27

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @Mumbai

OVER 250 Indian and international exhibitors and more than 1,500 delegates will take part in Boiler India 2024, an exhibition cum seminar conclave, which will be held from September 25 to 27 in Mumbai.

The expo will serve as a hub for knowledge exchange, networking, and business opportunities. Attendees can get insights into cutting-edge technologies, regulatory updates, and industry trends, said organisers. The seminar and conclave sessions will delve into critical industry challenges and present actionable solutions. Discussions on regulatory compliance, energy conservation, carbon footprint reduction, and waste heat recovery will offer insights that help businesses navigate complexities and achieve sustainability goals.

The previous edition saw 23,000 visitors from across 42 nations. This conclave helps industry leaders and stakeholders to explore the latest advancements and solutions in boiler technology.

After Reliance Infra, Anil Ambani's Reliance Power to raise funds

DIPAK MONDAL @New Delhi

AFTER the announcement of ₹6,000 crore fund raising plans by Reliance Infrastructure, another Anil Ambani group company -- Reliance Power -- is set to raise long-term funds. The board of directors of Reliance Power will meet on Monday (23 September) to consider and approve raising of long-term funds from domestic and/or global markets, either by way of preferential issue and/or QIP and/or rights issue and/or foreign currency convertible bonds.

Reliance Power, in a media statement on 18 September, had announced that it has become a zero debt company, on standalone basis. Promoters Anil Ambani and family owns 23.24% in Reliance Power. On the same day, Reliance Infrastructure, also announced that the company had reduced its standalone external debt from ₹3,831 crore to ₹475 crore.

On 19 September, Reliance Infrastructure board approved ₹ 6,000 crore fund raise plan, out of which, ₹3,014 crore will be raised through preferential allotment of shares, while ₹3,000 crore will be raised by QIP.

In the first phase, the company is launching ₹3,014 crore preferential placement under which 12.56 crore equity shares or convertible warrants will be issued at an issue price of ₹240 per share.

Out of this, ₹1,104 crore is being invested by the promoters through promoter company, Risee Infinity Private Limited.

Additionally, two Mumbai based investment firms, Fortune Financial and Florintree Innovation are going to invest ₹1,910 crore in the company. Preferential issue will enhance Reliance Infra's net worth from ₹ 9,000 crore to ₹12,000 crore, with near zero debt.

The Preferential Issue proceeds would be utilised for expansion of business operations.

Vodafone Idea signs $3.6 bn network equipment deal

RAKESH KUMAR @New Delhi

VODAFONE Idea Limited (VIL), the country's third-largest telecom service provider, announced a deal worth $3.6 billion with Nokia, Ericsson, and Samsung for network equipment supply over three years.

The company said that the deal initiates VIL's three-year capital expenditure plan of approximately $6.6 billion, aiming to expand 4G coverage, launch 5G in key markets, and boost capacity to match data growth. VIL has continued its partnerships with existing long-term partners Nokia and Ericsson while also onboarding Samsung as a new partner.

"We are committed to invest in emerging network technologies to provide a best-in-class experience to our customers. We have kickstarted the investment cycle. We are on our journey of VIL 2.0 and from hereon, VIL will stage a smart turnaround to effectively participate in the industry growth opportunities," said Akshaya Moondra, CEO, Vodafone Idea Limited. Vodafone Idea, the cash-strapped telecom operator, is the only private company yet to launch its commercial 5G network in India, despite acquiring 5G spectrum two years ago.

In contrast, competitors Reliance Jio and Bharti Airtel are rapidly expanding their 5G networks and have nearly covered the entire country. Vodafone Idea's cash crunch has hindered its ability to expand its 4G network, leading to a decline in customers due to insufficient 4G coverage and no 5G network. According to the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, Vodafone Idea lost 1,413,910 subscribers and held an 18.46% market share as of July 2024.

The telco stated that the new contracts will allow it to quickly leverage state-of-the-art equipment, enhancing customer experience.

Equipment supplies under these long-term agreements are set to begin in the upcoming quarter. Vodafone Idea emphasized that its top priority is to expand 4G coverage to 1.2 billion Indians. Following its recent equity raise of ₹24,000 crore and an additional spectrum acquisition of ₹3,500 crore in June 2024 auction, the company has initiated quick-win capital expenditure (Capex) projects. These include deploying more spectrum on existing sites and rolling out new sites, resulting in a 15% capacity boost and an increase in population coverage by 16 million by September 2024.

Currently, the Capex is funded through the equity raise. For long-term Capex, it is in advanced discussions with existing and new lenders to secure ₹25,000 crore in funded facilities and ₹10,000 crore in non-fund-based facilities.

India signs clean economy deal under IPEF

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

INDIA has completed the negotiation phase in the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) as it signed two key agreements under the Clean Economy and Fair Economy pillars on 21 September at Delaware USA, in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is on a 3-day visit to the US for the Quad Summit.

India has already signed the Supply Chain Resilience pillar but has opted out of the trade pillar. It will not wait for implementation of the agreement. The Agreement on Clean Economy (Pillar III) intends to promote technical cooperation, workforce development, capacity building, and research collaborations; and collaborate to facilitate development, access, and deployment of clean energy and climate-friendly technologies. This will facilitate investments, project financing including concessional financing, joint collaborative projects, and Capacity Building for industries, in particular for the MSMEs.

(From Left): Srinath Narayanan (captain), Arjun Erigaisi, Vidit Gujrathi, P Harikrishna, D Gukesh and R Praggnanandhaa | x

HISTORY, HERSTORY: OPEN & WOMEN'S TEAMS ON TOP

Super Sunday: India script history as both teams clinch maiden titles in a rare sweep of gold medals at chess's biggest stage in Budapest

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Chennai

THE promised land is here. The future is now. India may have invented chess but they never played like they owned the board as the rest of the world surged ahead.

Not anymore. These days, India are the game's top dogs. A bunch of teenagers have fulfilled the prophecy way before their time. Now, they have started winning titles. Like they did on Sunday. India's Open and women's teams made history as they claimed double gold for the first time at the Olympiad, one of the biggest honours available in the board game currently.

If Viswanathan Anand winning the first world title was Indian chess' moon landing event, September 22, 2024, will go down as the day when they formally established a colony.

In almost 100 years of the Olympiad, the biggest team competition in the game, both Indian sides were never in contention for the major medal. Over the last two weeks in Budapest, that changed. Both teams used the 64 light and dark coloured squares as a blank canvas to bring to life a crazy dream. On Sunday, that fever dream was realised.

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Just before the Olympiad began, Srinath Narayanan, the captain of the Open team, believed the team would start as favourites for gold. Even though they were seeded second in terms of ratings, he was fairly confident that they would all come back with the shiniest of metal discs hanging from their necks. "I think we have a good chance of winning gold," he had said.

When the team reached Budapest, the focus had entirely shifted to building up team spirit. Working on their chess games, while important, was going to take a back seat. The GM also had one ground rule; there would be no talk of how they were the favourites for gold. "We don't really mention or talk about it," he had said. "I would say gold is like the process of checkmate in chess. You know the goal is to eventually checkmate but in order to do that, you need to do a number of smaller things... develop your pieces, control your centre and the attention goes towards accumulating your smaller goals. "We have the destination in sight but it's something we don't obsess over. Everyone has an idea of what needs to happen to win gold."

While Narayanan was saying this was the template for the Open team, the women also followed this. On air in ChessBase India's YouTube live feed during the final round on Sunday, one of the assistant coaches had revealed how the focus was taking it match by match.

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Even if Narayanan was one of the few voices urging caution on Saturday night, India's chess fraternity was already celebrating. However, inside the team meeting, they themselves were in celebration mode. "Already in the celebrations mode," Gukesh told chess24 after the last round. "I must admit that after yesterday's game (Saturday), I was super excited. We were all very happy but we forced ourselves to come here and do the job."

But the 18-year-old, who will face Ding Liren in the final of the World Championship in Singapore in November-December, had a sense of unfinished business with respect to the Olympiad. "This tournament for me, especially after what happened last time (in Mahabalipuram in 2022), we were so close to winning team gold, this time I thought no matter what, we were going to do whatever it takes to win team gold. I didn't really think about the individual gold."

Even at this young age, the Tamil Nadu teen is all about processes. He had come around to that conclusion after a very challenging end to 2023. His results started improving, in a roundabout way, after he had stopped worrying about them.

It kind of showed at the Olympiad. Eight wins and two draws for an overall performance rating of 3056 from board 1. To put this number into some sort of perspective, Nodirbek Abdusattorov and Magnus Carlsen, the silver and bronze winners in the top board, had a performance rating of 2884 and 2810 respectively. In this context, it was interesting to listen to Praggnanandhaa, sandwiched between Gukesh and Erigaisi in Board 2. "It just took all pressure off me," the other teen had told FIDE. "Seeing those two guys, sitting in between them, I was almost sure they will win. So that I can just play normally, because I know we will most likely win."

In 2022, India won individual gold in Board 2 as well, Nihal Sarin claiming that honour. The last two weeks, Sarin has watched it unfold from afar while preparing for the Global Chess League (GCL).

It goes back to the point about depth in Indian chess right now. "What's the nice thing is that competition within India is fierce itself," Anand had told this daily. "You maybe one of the best players in the world but you may still be fighting for a spot in India. That will keep everyone on their toes. I would say next 5-10 years we can look forward to... it's going to be great to be a chess fan in India."

Amen.

AWARDS

Board prizes	Open	Women
Board 1	D Gukesh	Zhu Jiner
Board 2	Thai Dai Van Nguyen	Carissa Yip
Board 3	Arjun Erigaisi	Divya Deshmukh
Board 4	Shamsiddin Vokhidov	Vantika Agrawal
Board 5	Frederik Svane	Kochavi Dana

GAPRINDASHVILI CUP : INDIA

FINAL STANDINGS

Federation	Games	Win	D	L	Points
OPEN					
India	11	10	1	0	21
US	11	8	1	2	17
Uzbekistan	11	8	1	2	17
WOMEN					
India	11	9	1	1	19
Kazakjstan	11	8	2	1	18
US	11	7	3	1	17

Congrats to Team India for winning the last round as well! Sensational @DGukesh and @ArjunErigaisi, but also congrats to @viditchess on an impressive result. Great captaincy by @srinathchess Congrats to India's Women's team. Great result by the whole team and captain @chessgmkunte. and a special mention to @DivyaDeshmukh05 and to @vantikachess for her performance.

— Viswanathan Anand via X (formerly Twitter)

NUMBERS GAME

1 This is the first time that India managed to win gold in an over-the-board Olympiad (they had shared one with Russia during the pandemic)

4 Apart from the two team gold, the country also won a total of four individual gold. D Gukesh (Open Board 1), Arjun Erigaisi (Open Board 3), Divya Deshmukh (women Board 3) and Vantika Agrawal (women Board 4)

2 Gukesh's individual gold on Board 1 meant he has now won two gold on the top board in consecutive Olympiads (he also won gold at the 2022 Olympiad)

HOW THE TITLES WERE WON

GUKESH'S BLOODLESS COUP AGAINST YI

When the board pairings came out for the Open team's match against China, all eyes were on the dress rehearsal for the World Championship match between D Gukesh and Ding Liren. But Liren sat out and Wei Yi assumed his place on the top board. What followed was the tightrope chess. For over five hours, both players refused to give an inch before the 18-year-old Indian, in a completely drawn endgame, slowly but surely ground down his opponent. It helped India beat China and to take a resounding lead.

STRATEGIC BOARD CALLS

Arjun Erigaisi, by rating, is India's best player in the Open section. So, there may have been a temptation to play him on the top board. But they put him on Board 3 and he got home the points by the bucketload. R Praggnanadhaa was a solid option in Board 2 as he kept things ticking over nicely. In the women's section, the experienced D Harika blew hot and cold on the top board but they were spot on with Divya Deshmukh and Vantika Agrawal in the lower boards.

DIVYA'S STAR TURN

With the established Koneru Humpy sitting out from the competition, the onus was on another evergreen performer, D Harika, and R Vaishali, India's third GM among women. But the one who has brought home the points has been IM Divya Deshmukh. Playing on Board 3, she scored 8.5 points in the first 10 games (seven wins, three draws). It meant even if some of the others were a touch inconsistent, India knew they could always rely on her. Her win with white pieces against China's Shiqun Ni on Saturday was the icing on the cake.

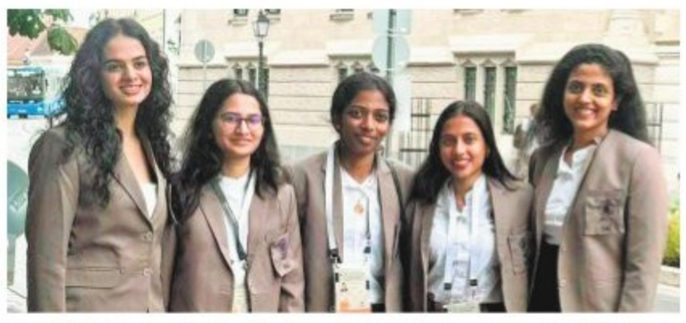
Individual scores

OPEN		WOMEN	
Arjun Erigaisi	10/11	D Harika	4.5/9
D Gukesh	9/10	R Vaishali	6/10
R Praggnanadhaa	6/10	Divya Deshmukh	9.5/11
Vidit Gujrathi	7.5/10	Tania Sachdev	3.5/5
P Harikrishna	2.5/3	Vantka Agrawal	7.5/9

ARJUN ERIGAISI

TEAM RESULTS

OPEN				WOMEN			
Rd 1	bt	Morocco	4-0	Rd 1	bt	Jamaica	3.5-0.5
Rd 2	bt	Iceland	4-0	Rd 2	bt	Czech Republic	2.5-0.5
Rd 3	bt	Hungary B	3.5-0.5	Rd 3	bt	Switzerland	3-1
Rd 4	bt	Serbia	3.5-0.5	Rd 4	bt	France	3.5-0.5
Rd 5	bt	Azerbaijan	3-1	Rd 5	bt	Kazakhstan	2.5-1.5
Rd 6	bt	Hungary	3-1	Rd 6	bt	Armenia	2.5-1.5
Rd 7	bt	China	2.5-1.5	Rd 7	bt	Georgia	3-1
Rd 8	bt	Iran	3.5-0.5	Rd 8	lost to	Poland	1.5-2.5
Rd 9	drew	Uzbekistan	2-2	Rd 9	drew	US 2-2	
Rd 10	bt	US	2.5-1.5	Rd10	bt	China	2.5-1.5
Rd 11	bt	Slovenia	3.5-0.5	Rd 11	bt	Azerbaijan	3.5-0.5



(From left) Tania Sachdev, Vantika Agrawal, R Vaishali, Divya Deshmukh & D Harika | x

After pacers, spinners join party to hand India big win

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @Chennai

RIDING on home hero R Ashwin's 6 for 88 and Ravindra Jadeja's 3 for 58, India secured a 280-run victory over Bangladesh on Day 4 of the first Test at the MA Chidambaram Stadium here on Sunday. With this outcome, India now lead the two-Test series 1-0.

Initially, it was the pacers, Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj, who kept it tight to apply the pressure on the Bangladesh batters. Later, Ashwin - who was adjudged the Player of the Match - and Jadeja took over. Making the best use of the deteriorating surface, the duo did the bulk of the damage to complete the job for the hosts.

Ashwin, in the process, picked up his 37th five-wicket haul in Tests, equalling spin great Shane Warne's record. Sri Lanka legend Muttiah Muralitharan tops the list with 67 five-wicket hauls. Ashwin, 38, later revealed that he keeps reinventing himself to produce the goods. "Firstly, it is a challenge. It is not the same... you play 25, 26, 30 or even 35. 38 is different from 35, every bit of work that you put in, you have to put in doubly hard to earn the right to be there. There is no doubt that there are challenges for me to go through, usually it takes a little bit longer, even though I haven't played a three-day game in a while. To be fair, I have reduced my strength-training sessions, I have worked differently on my mobility and other aspects of life... do yoga it's good," revealed Ashwin, adding that the breaks between the matches gives him time to rejuvenate.

Ashwin and the rest of the players' output has certainly pleased Rohit Sharma, the skipper of the side. India are scheduled to play 10 consecutive Tests and it goes without saying this win is a welcome result for Rohit & Co.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

R Ashwin celebrates his five-wicket haul with teammates on Sunday | ASHWIN PRASATH

Scoreboard

India 1st Innings: 376 , Bangladesh 1st Innings: 149, India 2nd Innings 287-4 d, Bangladesh 2nd Innings (Overnight 158/4) Shanto c Bumrah b Jadeja 82, Shakib c Jaiswal b Ashwin 25, Das c Rohit b Jadeja 1, Mehidy c Jadeja b Ashwin 8, Taskin c Siraj b Ashwin 5, Mahmud b Jadeja 7, Rana not out 0; **Extras:** (B-5, LB-7) 12; **Total:** (62.1 overs) 234; **FoW:** 5-194, 6-205, 7-222, 8-222, 9-228; **Bowling:** Bumrah 10-2-24-1, Siraj 10-5-32-0, Akash Deep 6-0-20-0, Ashwin 21-0-88-6, Jadeja 15.1-2-58-3.

Ever-reliable Jadeja delivers again

GOMESH S @Chennai

WHEN Ravindra Jadeja started off from one end on Sunday morning at the MA Chidambaram Stadium, the very first ball he bowled had enough signs of what to expect. It pitched on the rough outside off-stump, kicked up towards Najmul Hossain Shanto before lobbing in front of forward short-leg.

After three day's of play, the Chepauk surface had started breaking down and Jadeja knew exactly what was needed. All he had to do was keep bowling into the rough — especially with two left-handers batting — and let the pitch do the rest. It's muscle memory. He has been doing it for a decade now — something that has helped him get close to 300 Test wickets in 73 matches.

On Sunday, he needed four wickets to get to the landmark and he almost had Shakib Al Hasan when he came back after the initial one over. Jadeja, as he had been doing, pitched it full on sixth stump in the rough, and to counter, Shakib stepped out of the crease. He swinged and missed, the ball bounced more than what Rishabh Pant had expected and he fumbled a stumping chance.

He, however, persisted with the similar lines and lengths and continued to torment Bangladesh batters and Litton Das eventually fell. With R Ashwin closing in on a fifer, Jadeja had to take the remaining three wickets to get to 300. The first came in the form of Shanto, who had by now given up. Ashwin removed Taskin Ahmed next, and as a result Jadeja was left standing on 299 when he took the final wicket of Hasan Mahmud. For any team, an 86 with the bat at the time of crisis and five wickets in the match win would have been the top performance. Here, however, he had a partner-in-crime in Ashwin, who scored a century and took six wicket and was the Player of The Match.

ASHWIN PRASATH

That, in essence, sums up the kind of resources India has and how the duo had been the pillars behind India's impeccable record at home. And it is not just with the ball, but also with the bat. Since Jadeja's debut, the duo has the second-most runs for a lower-order batting pair (7th wicket or more). The only pair to have more runs than them is Shane Dowrich & Jason Holder of West Indies.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

India A crush India C to win Duleep Trophy

AGENCIES @Anantapur

TANUSH Kotian (3/47) and Prasidh Krishna (3/50) shared six wickets and trumped Sai Sudharsan's valiant 111 as India A defeated India C by 132 runs to win the Duleep Trophy, here on Sunday. Having entered the final round with six points in two matches and three points behind India C who had nine, the 'A' team showed incredible resolve from the word go and dominated the final contest of the four-day competition. The victory took them to the top of the table with a total of 12 points from 3 matches, crowing them as the eventual winners.

Meanwhile, Arshdeep Singh returned with career-best figures of 6/40 as India D thrashed India B by 257 runs to end their campaign with a consolation victory. **Brief Scores:** India A 297 & 286/6 decl in 66 ovrs (Riyan Parag 73; Gaurav Yadav 4/68) **bt** India C 234 & 217 in 81.5 ovrs (Sai Sudharsan 111; Prasidh Krishna 3/50, Tanush Kotian 3/47). India D 349 and 305 in 58.3 overs (Ricky Bhui 119; Mukesh Kumar 4/98) **bt** India B 282 and 115 in 22.2 ovrs (Arshdeep Singh 6/40).

EXPRESS READ

Norris finishes first

SINGAPORE: Lando Norris survived a couple brushes with barriers as he won the Singapore Grand Prix with ease and cut into Max Verstappen's Formula 1 standings lead on Sunday.

Kothari in pre-quarters

ULAANBATAAR: India's Sourav Kothari started his campaign in the IBSF World 6-red snooker championship with an all-win record in his group matches to book a pre-quarterfinal berth. The Indian cueist won three matches in his group.

ISL: Kerala Blasters beat East Bengal 2-1 for their first win

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICES @Chennai

KERALA Blasters came back from a goal down to beat East Bengal 2-1 in their Indian Super League (ISL) match at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium on Sunday. East Bengal took the lead in the 59th minute through Vishnu Puthiya before the Blasters pumped in two goals in the final 30 minutes through Noah Sadaoui (63rd) and Kwame Peprah (88th) to secure all three points from the contest in front of a passionate and vociferous home crowd.

Kerala's forward, Diamantakos, could have attempted a shot, but he instead squared a pass for Vishnu Puthiya on the right. Vishnu met the pass perfectly and tapped the ball into the back of the net to open the scoring for East Bengal.

Kerala Blasters face North-East United on September 29 while East Bengal will lock horns with FC Goa on September 27 for their next match.

Man City draw against 10-man Arsenal

AGENCIES @Manchester

JOHN Stones' 98th-minute equaliser salvaged a 2-2 draw for Manchester City against 10-man Arsenal in a bad-tempered clash between the two favourites for the Premier League title on Sunday. Arsenal played the entire second half a man down after Leandro Trossard was sent off but were seconds away from inflicting City's first home defeat since November 2022. A draw is enough for City to retake top spot, two points clear of Arsenal in fourth.

City's John Stones scored the equaliser against Arsenal | AFP

Erling Haaland's 100th City goal had given Pep Guardiola's men the perfect start. Arsenal turned the game around thanks to Riccardo Calafiori's wonder strike and another set-piece header from Gabriel Magalhaes.

In another fixture, Nottingham Forest substitute Ramon Sosa scored his first Premier League goal to earn his side a 2-2 draw at Brighton as both managers were sent off. The result means both sides remain unbeaten five games into the new season, with seventh-placed Brighton one place above Forest in the table. Sosa capitalised on a defensive lapse from the Seagulls with 20 minutes remaining. Arsenal lost Trossard just before half-time.

UPCOMING EXAMINATIONS

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Date: September 29, 2024

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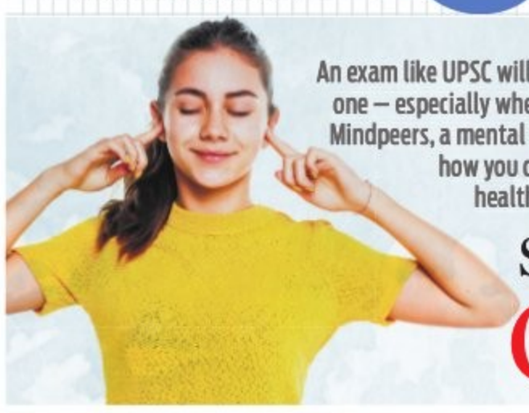
Date: October 26, 2024



An exam like UPSC will test you in more ways than one — especially when it comes to your mindset. Mindpeers, a mental strength platform, outlines how you can take care of your mental health during this gruelling exam

Sound mind? Check

REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

The excitement of starting on an ambitious target like competitive exams can frequently make you set lofty goals. This can look like wanting to study 10 hours a day with no breaks. However, boxing yourself in with high demands is not sustainable, and most people end up angry and upset for not being able to keep up with their own rules. Therefore, make sure that your goals are doable, and there is enough flexibility in your plan.

LONG-TERM PERSPECTIVE

Sometimes it's difficult to clear these exams in the first go. This can lead to a lot of hopelessness and helplessness, or even feeling lost in terms of direction. Affirmations help. Also, it's helpful to tell yourself that there is always a Plan B. When you first start studying for the exam, it becomes all about the result. Make it a habit to remind yourself of your long-term goals beyond the result, take a holistic view of your goals.

NEGATIVITY AT BAY

Your mood affects your cognitive abilities, so when you notice yourself feeling low or fatigued, notice the thoughts around it. Negative thoughts need to be reframed. For example, a thought like "I don't know if I'll be able to do this" can be reframed to "I am going to try my best to do this, and if it doesn't go through, I'll know I gave it everything". If you experience continous feelings of helplessness or hopelessness, seek professional help.

FOR PLEASURE

Make time for pleasurable activities, especially when you feel like you're not able to study well. Our brains are meant to balance pleasure and achievement, and when you focus all your energy on studies, it can tire you a lot more. Try to do one novel thing every week. This helps to create breaks in the long process of preparing for a competitive exam and not have it feel like an unending road of the same thing over and over again.

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HOW MANY ATTEMPTS ARE TOO MANY ATTEMPTS?

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Many former UPSC aspirants have excelled in the private sector, while others are entrepreneurs, founding ventures that have achieved great success

Ketan, UPSC coach

YOUNGSTERS often dedicate the best years of their lives to the preparation of what is deemed as one of the "toughest exams" — those conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) exams. This Constitutional body in India conducts numerous recruitment exams, including the widely known Civil Services Examination (CSE). These are for recruitment into the Civil Services and other Central government posts, highly coveted by many.

Suffice it to say that clearing the exam is not easy while the preparation itself spans the entire year. Before they know it, aspirants start filling out forms for next year, even before the results are received. Missing the cut-off by a few marks boosts motivation and this cycle continues, year after year.

In this scenario, how many attempts are too many attempts? Ketan cleared the UPSC exam in 2015 on his third attempt with All India Rank (AIR) 860 and a BTech from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi, currently with UPSCprep.com, the author of *Indian Economy Handbook* talks about the number of attempts, sensationalisation of the exam and options after UPSC.

• Let's get straight to it — how many attempts do you think a student should aim for?

The number of attempts an aspirant should aim for largely depends on individual circumstances. Younger aspirants or those who have financial security and strong family support may be able to afford more attempts.

In my opinion, three to four serious attempts are reasonable, but not more. If more attempts are needed, they should be done while working. Prolonged unemployment isn't beneficial for your career or mental health.

• Is there any way a student is capable of evaluating oneself on how far they should go?

During preparation, you start to get a sense of how much effort is required and whether it is within your capacity to succeed. Your marks in the first Prelims can also provide some insight.

After at least two attempts, self-evaluation is crucial. If you feel that with some extra effort, you can achieve your goal, then it is worth continuing. However, if it seems like it's still a far stretch even after significant effort, it might be wise to consider looking for a job in another field.

• Do you think the media plays any role in sensationalising the career's nature?

Yes, the media, especially social media, plays a significant role in sensationalising careers like Indian Administrative Service (IAS) and Indian Police Service (IPS). Movies like *12th Fail* or series like *Aspirants* often glorify the UPSC exam. Many coaching institutes also contribute to this by creating reels and content that over-glorify the exam, they have a hidden agenda to attract more students and keep their business running. A few IAS and IPS officers also use social media for clout, portraying a fantasy image that does not match reality.

However, the reality is different — no matter how many aspirants appear for the exam, the number of final seats remains the same. Recently, the government imposed fines on a few major coaching institutes for running misleading ads about the number of selections, which is a positive step. There is a need for regulation on using government positions to build personal social media followings.

• What options are open for a student to pursue if they quit UPSC preparation in their late 20s?

While there may be a gap in your résumé due to years spent preparing for UPSC, you can clearly state that you were engaged in UPSC exam preparation. This isn't a major issue for most employers.

Start by updating your resume and applying for jobs related to your graduation degree. Stay in touch with your college friends and network, as they can be very helpful in your job search. Apply everywhere you can, and once you enter the job market, you'll start seeing opportunities more clearly.

The knowledge gained during UPSC preparation can be beneficial. Aspirants often develop valuable qualities like critical thinking, analytical skills, perseverance, and effective communication, which can help in career growth.

You can naturally transition to areas like government consultancy, EdTech, and the social sector, where your UPSC preparation will be valuable.

Many former UPSC aspirants have excelled in various other fields, finding success and fulfillment outside of government jobs.

THOSE WHO TRIED AGAIN

Time to draw inspiration from those who attempted the exam more than once and cracked it

AISHWARYAM PRAJAPATI
Cracked UPSC exam in the year 2023
AIR: 10
Number of attempts: 2
City and state: Born in Gorakhpur and brought up in Lucknow
Interesting fact: Wrote the book UPSC: Essay & Answer Writing Manual

ISHITA KISHORE
Cracked UPSC exam in the year 2022
AIR: 1
Number of attempts: 2
City and state: Belongs to UP but grew up in Delhi
Interesting fact: Received the Director's Gold Medal for highest marks in CSE from the Vice-President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar

KASHMIRA SANKHE
Designation and department: Assistant Collector (UT), Chandrapur District
AIR: 25
Cadre: Maharashtra
Number of attempts: 2
Interesting fact: Kashmira Sankhe left dentistry to become an IAS officer

ANU KUMARI
Designation and department: District Collector of Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
Cadre: Haryana
Number of attempts: 2
City and state: Sonipat, Haryana
Interesting fact: Brand Ambassador for Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao programme in Sonipat, Haryana

SONAL GOEL
Designation and department: Resident Commissioner, Tripura Bhawan in New Delhi
Cadre: Haryana
Number of attempts: 2
City and state: Panipat, Haryana and education in Delhi
Interesting fact: Featured in Top 25 Women Transforming India by NITI Aayog, United Nations and MyGov in September 2016

UPSC retry: Factors to weigh before dedicating your best years

UPSC preparation is a demanding path, it requires you to dedicate a significant part of your 20s to exam preparation. Saumyangi Yadav speaks to UPSC coaches to ascertain a few key factors to consider before deciding to attempt the exam again

Questions to Ask Before Your Next Attempt

• Are you financially stable? • Do you have a family to support? • Does your backup career option tolerate career gaps? • Have you shown any progress? • Are you mentally prepared?

PREPARING for the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) exams demands more than just rigorous training and intellectual prowess; it requires dedicating the best years of your life to the process, making it a daunting journey.

While such a commitment is common among those pursuing this path, it is equally crucial to recognise when it might be time to reassess or step back.

So the question arises — how do you know when to give up?

UPSC experts and coaches recommend evaluating factors such as financial implications, age, viable backup plans, family conditions, among several others, before deciding to go for another attempt. Ravi Kapoor, former Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer and renowned UPSC coach, emphasises that both personal and psychological factors must be considered before making this decision.

Ravi Kapoor

Manuj Jindal

"First, assess your financial situation. Can you support yourself for another year? Consider your age — this is often more relevant for women than men. Also, evaluate how your decision will affect your family. Next, evaluate how close you are to your goals. Have you shown progress or promise in your previous attempts?" opined Ravi Kapoor.

Another crucial factor to consider is the nature of your backup plan, advised Kapoor. For example, while sectors like Information Technology (IT) may be more flexible about career gaps and age, other industries might view these factors more critically.

"Generally speaking, I advise students to commit full-time to their preparation for up to two attempts. Beyond that, it's wise to consider a part-time job or backup plan if you decide to pursue a third attempt or more," Ravi Kapoor added.

It is also important to assess your progress and where you stand in terms of improvement before choosing to dedicate yet another year of your life to exam preparation, said experts.

Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer Manuj Jindal explained, "Be honest with yourself. You should have confidence in your ability to improve. Avoid committing to a second or third attempt without analysing your performance from the previous one. Identify your areas for improvement; otherwise, another attempt may be wasted — ask yourself if there's room for growth. Also, ask yourself what you want, is it your choice or familial pressure, do you understand all the implications?"

Jindal added that setting a mental limit on the number of attempts often motivates candidates to put more effort into their preparation.

Lastly, you cannot overlook your mental health and psychological well-being before deciding to make another attempt.

"Students often experience FOMO (fear of missing out), especially when they see peers their age achieving success or making progress in their careers. On the other hand, many fail to get an emotional closure after deciding to give up. They often get into a loop of regret — Should I have tried more? What will I do now?" expressed Ravi Kapoor.

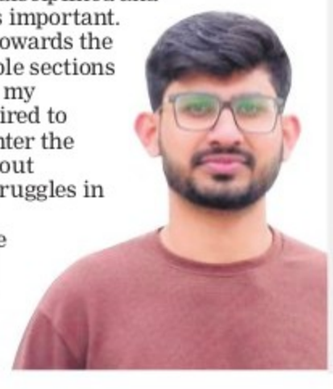
AMBITIOUS TALES

The preparation for repeat attempt of UPSC could be tedious. So, what could be the driving force or source of motivation for candidates? Let's hear it from them

PATEL RIYAZ KHAN, Aurangabad, Maharashtra

MY father is a farmer, while my mother is a housewife. Coming from a humble background, the first lesson UPSC taught me was that an average, hard-working, and smart person can decode the exam pattern. I graduated in Mechanical Engineering in 2020 from a private college in Aurangabad. In 2021, I started my UPSC journey. I have given three attempts and cracked Prelims twice.

My experience taught me that UPSC is a marathon that needs at least two years of dedicated preparation. Being disciplined and enjoying the process is important. My ambition to work towards the upliftment of vulnerable sections is the driving force for my preparation. I am inspired to work even harder to enter the service when I read about vulnerable sections' struggles in newspapers.



As someone from the middle class, I believe that choosing a career requires careful consideration. I don't have a Plan B yet.

NITIGYA PANT, Native of Uttarakhand, Living in Delhi

AFTER a BTech in 2021 from Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi, my passion for public service steered me towards the UPSC Civil Services Examination. I have continuously appeared for the exam thrice, I cleared Prelims in 2022 and 2023, but failed the Mains exam by a narrow margin.

While there are many ways to explain motivation, one can also discuss in detail how one's passion for the Civil Services keeps one going despite setbacks. It comes down to opportunity cost for me.

I have cleared the Uttarakhand PCS 2024 Prelims and I'm scheduled to appear for the Mains exam in November 2024. With my preparation and ability, I am working on rectifying my past mistakes and I'm confident of performing well. For the long term, my goal of public service remains steadfast. I have been working as a consultant and freelancer.

DEEKSHA SHARMA, Ahmedabad, Gujarat

I BEGAN preparing soon after my graduation in 2022 and made my debut in 2023. Learning new things was exciting, however, as time passed by, the emphasis had to change from reading fresh material to revising the same old notes. Excitement turned to fatigue. Instead of the academic rigour, the true problem, in my experience, has been the emotional weight and feeling of missing out (FOMO).

After failing my first Mains in 2023, I faced difficulty in managing my daily emotions and started questioning my self-esteem. Time felt stagnant. I have trouble remembering specific events because my memory is aligned with UPSC's calendar year. My motivation right now is my parents' financial situation. Neither marital nor financial pressure exists. It makes my life easier as a female candidate and gives me the freedom to appear for the test with an open mind.

ABHISHEK VOHRA, Sonipat, Haryana

MY life has completely changed as a result of the UPSC experience, which has given me invaluable lessons in tenacity, time management, and vast knowledge acquisition. In my opinion, it's like a marathon, where the goal is to know yourself, not to win. On the voyage, you triumph over yourself. Academically, my first attempt was a humbling yet enlightening experience. It made me realise how extensive the syllabus is and how much effort it takes to get through the preparation process. While I was proud of myself for making it to the main stage on my first try, I also realised that I needed to take a more calculated approach.

On my second try, I thought about my shortcomings. I was able to advance one level because of these efforts. I will take the shortcomings into account to improve how I learn. Securing a job is a strong motivation. Who wouldn't desire a well-paying job that allows them to meet their necessities? I can't be confined in cubicles, I need employment that offers me diversity of work. What drives me is my quest for a more meaningful future. It keeps me focused and committed to my goals.

In whatever I do, I try to fully experience life. That, in my opinion, is the most important prerequisite for living a happy life and doing my very best in everything.

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DAY'S DIARY

1st colour TV series

In 1962, ABC debuted the first colour TV series 'The Jetsons', an American sitcom by Hanna-Barbera, to television audiences

THE STORYLINE

Set in the future, a misunderstood family goes on countless wild adventures where they have trouble and get themselves into mischief and difficult situations

AHEAD OF TIME

It displayed devices that did not exist at the time — a flatscreen television, newspaper on a computer-like screen, a computer virus, treadmill, etc.

ANIMATED SPACE

The style of architecture and furnishings in the world of 'The Jetsons' is called Googie. But this fell out of style in the early 1970s

CE's guide to happenings in the city

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VIBRANT VIBES

Visitors admire colourful pop culture-inspired art prints and tote bags during the Sunday Soul Sante at Jayamahal Palace | ALLEN EGENUSE J

COST OF Conflict

Set against the ongoing devastation of the Gaza Strip, this weekend, a dance-theatre production explores the profound loss of innocence and the lasting impact of violence on young lives

DESE GOWDA

THE central premise of *Sea's Fire*, a dance-theatre production being staged this weekend in the city, poses a question: How do we, as adults, take responsibility for the world we are shaping for children in conflict zones? "We often talk about the conflict in Gaza as though it's a war, but it's not, at least not in the traditional sense," says Sahiba Singh, founder of FLUX, a community art space and the director of the production. "In Gaza, nearly 50 per cent of the population is under five, and many of these children are caught in the crossfire. They either lose their lives or their families, leaving them with deep trauma as they grow up," she adds.

The title *Sea's Fire* reflects this urgency. Playing on the word 'ceasefire,' it evokes the tension between conflict and the desire for peace. Yet, the performance does not centre on politics or ideology. Instead, it presents war through the perspective of children – those who endure its consequences without understanding its causes. "It's not about politics or territory," Singh explains, adding, "It's about losing loved ones, homes, or limbs, and living with PTSD. What kind of world are they stepping into when they carry such scars?"

The hour-long production is the result of collaboration between seasoned and emerging dancers from FLUX's contemporary dance programme, devised not from a written script but through a shared creative process. Singh's vision deliberately avoids graphic depictions of violence, relying instead on movement, visual motifs, and symbolism to express trauma. "There's no script, I wanted it to be purely a visual experience, something visceral that stays with people," she says, adding, "I wanted to avoid audiences intellectualising the material. We've been careful not to overwhelm them with gore. There's no death and screaming – nothing overtly graphic. It's subtle, but powerful. I want the audience to feel it in their gut, to have those moments of recognition. I hope it opens people up to the emotions without overwhelming them."

Stills from the rehearsal

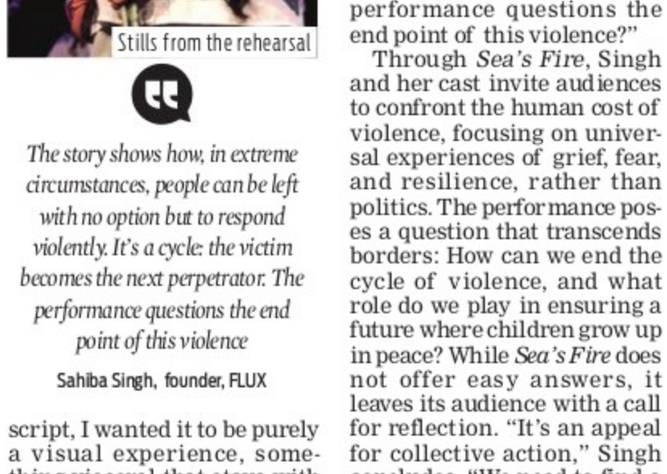
The story shows how, in extreme circumstances, people can be left with no option but to respond violently. It's a cycle: the victim becomes the next perpetrator. The performance questions the end point of this violence

Sahiba Singh, founder, FLUX

The performance traces the cyclical nature of violence, moving from the innocence of childhood to the fear and anger that follow loss. As it progresses, it explores how grief and fear give way to anger, often leading to violence. "The story shows how, in extreme circumstances, people can be left with no option but to respond violently. It's a cycle: the victim becomes the next perpetrator. We don't name specific groups in the performance, but, for instance, something like Hamas arises out of such cycles. What happened on October 7 was wrong, but these situations don't emerge from nowhere. The performance questions the end point of this violence?"

Through *Sea's Fire*, Singh and her cast invite audiences to confront the human cost of violence, focusing on universal experiences of grief, fear, and resilience, rather than politics. The performance poses a question that transcends borders: How can we end the cycle of violence, and what role do we play in ensuring a future where children grow up in peace? While *Sea's Fire* does not offer easy answers, it leaves its audience with a call for reflection. "It's an appeal for collective action," Singh concludes. "We need to find a way to end this cycle. Otherwise, the children who feel unsafe today will grow into adults who may continue it."

(The production will be staged at the Medai - The Stage Bengaluru, Koramangala on Sept 28, 4pm & 8pm. Tickets priced at ₹499 on bookmyshow.com)



Tillotama Shome, who plays an R&AW agent in the Indian adaptation of *The Night Manager* which was recently nominated in the best drama category for the 2024 International Emmy Awards, looks forward to a long-overdue reunion to celebrate the news

GOOD TIMES ROLLING!

MONIKA MONALISA

THE Indian version of *The Night Manager*, starring the likes of Anil Kapoor, Aditya Roy Kapoor, Sobhita Dhulipala, and **Tillotama Shome** has been nominated in the drama series category at the 2024 International Emmy Awards. Interestingly, the show was the only entry from India across 14 categories at the nominations.

The news, naturally, has the team on cloud nine. "We got the news one night from our captain, Sandeep Modi (co-director of the show), on our WhatsApp group called 'the cool kids'. Now, we are neither kids nor cool, but after this news, we felt very cool and were jumping like kids," recalls Shome with glee.

Shome, who plays the role of R&AW agent Lipika Saikia Rao, played by BAFTA and Golden Globes award-winning English actor Olivia Colman in the original series, found her character to be quite the daredevil and instantly fell in love with her. "She knows how to walk through patriarchal corridors of power with a sense of impudence and humour. She has no qualms about playing to the massive egos of men in power to get her work done. She is not very diplomatic and hates delays caused by bureaucratic hoops. She is full of surprises as we are not accustomed to seeing women doing action sequences unless they are in spandex," says Shome, who grew up in Bengaluru.

The actor confirms that a celebratory reunion is on the cards. "There will be a reunion, courtesy of the generous Anil Kapoor. As always he has opened his home, to celebrate important milestones of the project. He is an actor who likes to take everyone along," says a chirpy-sounding Shome.

The Night Manager will compete with shows like *The Newsreader* Season 2 from Australia, the French show *Les Gouttes de Dieu* (Drops of God), and Argentina's *Iosi, El Espia Arrepentido* (Yosi, the Regretful Spy) Season 2 in the drama category. The show is an adaptation of John le Carré's novel and the British show, starring Tom Hiddleston, Hugh Laurie, Olivia Colman, and Elizabeth Debicki.

The International Emmy Awards will be held in New York on November 25. Apart from this Indian show, it will be hosted by India's very own comedian Vir Das. Shome hopes she makes it for the award function. "It would be wonderful, to go back as a full-grown professional adult, to a place I called home as a student, under these hallowed circumstances," says Shome.

GRUB HUB

Aslam Gafoor (@aslamgafoor) is a seasoned hospitality professional with a rich background in business development, sales, and marketing with renowned hotels and F&B companies. With an unwavering passion for food, travel, and wines, he takes great delight in sharing his insights and experiences as a columnist.

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1) Lamington; 2)Tsoureki; 3) Zongzi

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3) Megha M

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Interdisciplinary Approach and Collaborations Will Bring Solutions, Says Former VC Prof. H.A. Ranganath

INDIAN ACADEMY
Degree College - Autonomous

Prof. H.A. Ranganath, Emeritus Professor at the Centre for Human Genetics and former Vice Chancellor of Bangalore University, delivered an inspiring address at the seventh graduation ceremony of Indian Academy Degree College – Autonomous (IADC-A) recently.

In his keynote speech, Prof. Ranganath stressed on the significance of integrating multidisciplinary programmes in education and research. He urged graduates to develop a clear roadmap for their futures, highlighting that a defined vision and a focused niche are essential for success.

Presiding over the ceremony, Dr. T. Somasekhar, Chairman of the Indian Academy Education Trust, welcomed the gathering, which celebrated the achievements of 522 undergraduate and 139 postgraduate students. Prof. Ranganath commended IADC-A for its notable advancements and recognitions in education and research, stressing the importance of an interdisciplinary approach to elevate the institution to university status.

Drawing on the collaborative efforts that emerged during the COVID-19 pandemic, he stated, "Interdisciplinary approach and collaborations with institutions of excellence will provide solutions to existing problems." His remarks resonated with the graduates, inspiring them to pursue innovative paths in their careers.

The event commenced with a welcome address by Dr. N. Thilaka, Principal of IADC-A, who shared the institution's accomplishments. Dr. T. Srinivas Rao, Controller of Examinations, presented a report on students' outstanding academic performances.

The graduation procession featured notable attendees, including Dr. Ramkrishna Reddy, Joint Director of the Department of Collegiate Education, and Dr. Srikanta B.S., Academic Advisor at IADC-A. The ceremony also honoured course toppers with certificates, recognising their dedication and exceptional performance throughout their academic journey

CITY READ

Graduation ceremony held for engineering students

BMS College of Engineering, an Autonomous Institute, affiliated to Visvesvaraya Technological University marked a significant milestone on Saturday as 1,214 students graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering degree. Dr P Dayananda Pai, life trustee of the BMS Educational Trust, presided over the ceremony, alongside Padma Bhushan Dr BN Suresh, Chancellor of the Indian Institute of Space Science & Technology, Thiruvananthapuram, as the chief guest. Trustee Aviram Sharma, principal Dr Bheemsha Arya, among others were also present at the ceremony.

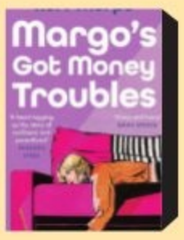
Induction programme for BTech & Pharmacy students

MS Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences (RUAS) successfully conducted the inaugural Deeksharambh 2024 induction programme for the 2024-25 batch of BTech and Pharmacy students on September 17 and 18. Held across two campuses, the event saw participation from over 2,500 attendees. Keynote speakers, including Dhirendra Nath, chief people officer at SLK Group, and Dr Bhaskaran J, Deputy Drugs Controller, Bengaluru, emphasised the importance of interdisciplinary skills and the pivotal role of India in global healthcare.

BOOK NOOK

A Love Song for Ricki Wilde
By Tia Williams

This love story follows two passionate artists whose lives become irreversibly intertwined. Drawn to the magic and romance of their shared world, their connection unfolds in a tale of deep emotion and artistic allure.

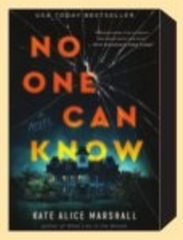


Margo's Got Money Troubles
By Rufi Thorpe

The book features an endearing young heroine battling to gain money and power in a world indifferent to her struggles. An honest exploration of storytelling, it offers an empowering portrait of personal growth.

Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books
By Kirsten Miller

The provocative satire delivers a wildly entertaining story, centering on a fierce battle over banned books and a lending library that transforms everything. It blends sharp humour with insightful commentary on literature and community.



No One Can Know
By Kate Alice Marshall

This gripping novel follows three sisters entangled in a web of secrets, two murders, and countless mysteries. The narrative is filled with dark revelations, exploring the complex dynamics of family and the hidden truths that bind them together.

MOVING IT!

Instructors lead a Zumba session post the Ultra Marathon Promo run, held at RBANMS Grounds, St John's Road | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

QUICKFIX

INSTANT RAVA SET DOSAE

INGREDIENTS

- **Poha:** ½ cup, washed and drained
- **Upma rava:** 1 cup
- **Curd/buttermilk:** ½ cup
- **Water:** 1 cup
- **Salt:** to taste
- **Eno or cooking soda:** ½ tsp
- **Oil**

METHOD

- Start by washing the poha, then soak it with rava, and curd in water for 30 minutes. Use a little tangy curd for better result.
- Add salt and grind into a smooth batter. Transfer the batter to a vessel. Adjust consistency with water if needed.
- Mix in Eno or cooking soda just before cooking.
- Pour a ladle of batter onto a cast iron pan or non-stick pan and cook like a pancake.
- Flip and cook both sides, adding a few drops of oil.
- Enjoy the soft spongy set dosae with chutney or sambar.

Contributed by **Meenakshi Kannan**, Chennai

WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Earthen Art

The pottery workshop provides an opportunity to develop skills in hand-building and wheel-throwing techniques, combining guided instruction with hands-on practice for a comprehensive learning experience.

WHEN: September 23, 10am
WHERE: Wheel and Potter Pottery Studio, Srinivasa Nagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Nature's Haven

This camping experience offers a perfect retreat into nature. Experience restful sleep in comfortable tents, awaken to the soothing sounds of chirping birds with morning tea, and engage in activities until check-out at 12 noon.

WHEN: September 23, 5pm **WHERE:** Mugabu Sports, Kommasandra
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Flickering Charm

Indulge in a candle-light dinner, perfect for a romantic evening amidst a cosy ambiance. Savour exquisite cuisine complemented by craft drinks for a truly memorable experience.

WHEN: September 23, 8pm
WHERE: Gold Rush Brews, Krishnarajapura
DETAILS: 98459 20832

Salsa Spark

Archana and Raghuram's Salsa workshop offers a vibrant exploration of salsa techniques. This session promises an engaging experience for both beginners and seasoned dancers alike.

WHEN: September 23, 10am
WHERE: ShArA,- Salsa and Latin Dance Institute, Jayanagar
CALL: 98869 75979

Laughing Out Loud

Joke In Progress is a standup comedy open mic where comedians perform both new material in front of an intimate audience.

WHEN: September 23, 8.30pm
WHERE: Glen's BakeHouse, Koramangala
CALL: 080-4377 9059

Mystery Unlocked

Be part of an adrenaline-fuelled adventure with immersive storylines, designed to test problem-solving skills and creativity.

WHEN: September 23, 11am
WHERE: Mystery Rooms, Indiranagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

DR VIVEK ARORA

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The expert is a senior veterinarian, Dr Gandhi's Pet Clinic, Delhi

I have just adopted a 5-month-old kitten. What are some ways to develop a strong bond with her?

Congratulations on your new kitten! Building a strong bond with her will set the foundation for a trusting and affectionate relationship. Here are some tips to help you connect with your new feline friend. Provide her a quiet, cozy, and safe spot for her to feel secure. Kittens follow a regular routine. Try to keep her feeding time the same every day. Approach her slowly and avoid loud noises and sudden movements. Let her take her time to come to you, don't force an interaction on her. Once she comes to you, start by gently petting her, like under the chin or behind the ears. You should be extremely gentle when holding her paws, ears and mouth. Use toys like laser pointers, feather wands and balls to engage with her. Treats and verbal praise are excellent motivation to allow her to feel confident and foster a bond with you. Gradually, you will have an understanding of her body language, her signals, and her preferences. Most important of all, be patient with a kitten and allow her to trust you.

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UPAVISTHA ADHO MUKHA SVANASANA CHAIR (SEATED DOWNWARD FACING DOG POSE CHAIR)

This is a variation of the Adho Mukha Svanasana (Downward Facing Dog Pose), done with the support of a chair. It helps stretch the hamstrings while increasing the hip's range of motion. Students can slowly work from the hamstrings and hips towards the lower back, with a deeper forward bend inBhujangasana Chair Variation (Cobra Pose Variation). This pose benefits the lower back, upper back and chest muscles.

STEPS

- Keep a chair handy, which should be according to your height; your feet must touch the ground. Start the practice by sitting tall on the edge of the chair in Chair Tadasana (Chair Mountain Pose).
- Keep your back straight, shoulders relaxed, and gaze forward to maintain proper posture.
- Ensure your feet and knees are roughly hip-width apart. Rest your hands on the knees. Keep your breathing relaxed.
- Inhale and extend your legs forward on the heels. Flex your feet so that the toes are pointing up.
- Exhale, lean forward in Seated Forward Bend Pose Chair, aiming to create a gentle slanting position of the upper body relative to your legs.
- Finally, inhale, and extend your arms in front and up with the palms facing front. The arms are at 60 degrees.
- Ensure the hands are parallel to each other and shoulder-width apart. Stretch your wrists. The fingers should be up. The body here resembles the shape of Adho Mukha Svanasana, performed on a chair.
- Remain here for about six breaths or as per the body's capacity. Lift your chin, stretch the neck, gazing in front. Take a moment to sit upright, breathe deeply.
- To release, exhale, lower your hands down on the thighs, and bring your head back to the center. Inhale, slide your legs back to realign in Chair Tadasana.
- Finally, relax and rest in the Dirga Pranayama Chair (Three Part Breath Chair).

BENEFITS

- Eases and relaxes the lower back and hip muscles while stretching the leg muscles.
- Stretches the shoulders reducing the tension at the neck.
- Relax the pelvic muscles, efficient use of the breath,
- Helps in better blood circulation.
- People recovering from any injury or surgery of the spine, hips, knees, and ankles can benefit.
- Senior citizens can feel relaxed.
- Prevents falls due to imbalance and lack of stability.
- Women during menstruation, menopause, and those with post-pregnancy issues related to diastasis recti can practice.
- Women undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer can benefit from this practice.
- Relaxes and soothes the nervous system.
- It helps reduce back pain.
- Helps people who have a history of heart ailments, blood pressure, arthritis,
- Leaves the body and mind energised.

LIMITATIONS

- You have to warm up before practising this pose.
- Don't eat at least 3-4 hours before practicing yoga.
- Avoid strain while lifting the hips, torso and hands.
- Wall support can avoid falling and give a better grip.
- If anyone has an injury in the ankles, wrists or back, avoid this.
- Students suffering from cardiac or stomach problems should avoid this.
- It can be practised gently by people suffering from high blood pressure.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

ARTCORNER

MIND AND MATTER

Dehradun-based artist Antra Srivastava's work is a reflection of her inner journey, seamlessly blending surrealism with poetic expression

LEKSHMI C PILLAI

PEPPY PLAYER

Tata's latest electric SUV coupe – Curvv.ev – blends striking design and advanced technology with impressive style

CLIMBING the Aravalli mountain range in Rajasthan is an entirely unique experience — especially in an electric vehicle (EV). As I navigated the winding curves, the ancient mountains revealed their untamed beauty. I had the opportunity to drive Tata's new EV model, the Curvv.ev. Tata Motors, which holds 73 per cent of the Indian electric car market, recently opened four exclusive EV showrooms as a prelude to the launch of the Curvv.ev. This model marks Tata's entry into the highly competitive mid-size SUV segment (4.3 meters in length). Notably, this is the first time Tata has launched the EV version of a vehicle before its internal combustion engine (ICE) counterpart. The Curvv.ev's coupe SUV design also stands out, offering a sleek alternative to the traditional boxy SUV body style.

CURVY COUPE

The coupe SUV blends the aesthetics and practicality of both an SUV and a sedan, breaking the monotony of boxy designs. From the front, the Curvv.ev bears a resemblance to the Nexon EV, but key features like the coupe design, flush door handles, R18 alloy wheels, and squared wheel arches set it apart. The car also boasts connected DRLs with welcome and goodbye animations, charging indicators, sequential turn signals, LED projector headlamps, LED front fog lamps with cornering functions, and connected LED tail lamps with animations. The sloping roofline seamlessly merges with the sculpted rear, creating a striking visual impression.

COMFORT INSIDE

The cabin design feels reminiscent of the Nexon, but with notable upgrades. The front seats offer advanced comfort, including ventilation, a 6-way power-adjustable driver's seat, a 6-way adjustable co-driver's seat, a large centre console, and a cooled glove box, making the front row exceptionally comfortable. A panoramic sunroof further enhances the cabin's ambience. In the rear, the 60:40 split seats come with a centre armrest, two-stage reclining, and A/C vents. However, the sloping roofline may feel a bit tight for taller passengers, and the under-thigh support could be improved. The car offers substantial storage with a 500-litre boot and an additional 11.6-litre frunk under the bonnet.

SUPER PERFORMER

The Curvv.ev comes in two versions: the 150 hp model with a 45 kWh battery (Curvv.ev 45) and the 167 hp model with a 55 kWh battery (Curvv.ev 55). I drove the top-end Curvv.ev 55, which delivered an exhilarating performance on hilly terrain. The car features three standard drive modes (Eco, City, and Sport), multi-mode regenerative braking with paddle shifters, and ample ground clearance — 190 mm for the Curvv.ev 45 and 186 mm for the Curvv.ev 55. It also offers multiple charging options. For everyday use, the Eco and City modes provide sufficient power and torque, but in Sport mode, the vehicle becomes a true powerhouse.

The suspension setup and well-balanced weight distribution, thanks to its advanced platform, make the ride smooth and stable. The 55kWh battery supports fast charging, reaching 10-80 per cent in just 40 minutes, or providing a quick top-up of up to 150 km of range in just 15 minutes, making it ideal for long drives.

SAFETY

Despite the narrow, rain-slicked roads of the Aravalli, the Curvv.ev handled the climb with ease, even on the treacherous hairpin turns. I felt confident thanks to the safety features, including its 5-star crash test rating and ADAS Level 2 technology. Hill hold assist and hill descent control also provided added reassurance. Additionally, the SUV coupe comes equipped with six airbags as standard, all-wheel disc brakes with disc wiping, an acoustic vehicle alert system (AVAS), an SOS call function, ESP with i-VBAC, front parking sensors, and an electronic parking brake with auto-hold functionality.

REAL-WORLD RANGE

One of the most perplexing aspects of buying an EV is understanding its real-world range. ARAI's official figures are often optimistically high and based on specific conditions that don't reflect everyday usage. However, Tata Motors has addressed this by providing an estimated real-world range for the Curvv.ev. The 55 kWh model offers an impressive range of 400-425 km, which gives buyers a more realistic expectation.

FINAL IMPRESSIONS

The Curvv.ev is available at a starting price of ₹17.49 lakh for the Curvv.ev 45 and between ₹19-25 lakh for the Curvv.ev 55. Given the features, range, and luxury it offers, this pricing is competitive. The Curvv.ev impresses with its tech-rich features, advanced safety systems, and outstanding performance. Its standout design, safety credentials, and thrilling drive make it a strong contender in the mid-size SUV segment, helping to bridge the price gap between EVs and traditional petrol-diesel models.

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XPRESS HIGHWAY
FORTNIGHTLY SEGMENT ON WHAT'S REVVING UP IN THE AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR

NEW RELEASES

NEW HYUNDAI ALCAZAR

Hyundai Motor India Limited announced bookings for the new Hyundai ALCAZAR 6 & 7 seater premium SUV, which was launched on September 9. The new ALCAZAR is a powerhouse of performance, featuring a dynamic 1.5 l Turbo GDi Petrol engine that delivers an exhilarating 117.5 kW (160 PS) max power and 253Nm max torque. Available with a 6-speed manual and a 7-speed DCT transmission, the engine promises an engaging and spirited drive. Customers can book ALCAZAR with an amount of ₹25,000/- at any Hyundai dealership across India.

TVS JUPITER 110

TVS Motor Company launched the TVS Jupiter 110 scooter with a starting price of ₹73,700. The scooter comes with a next-gen engine and futuristic first-in-segment features. The TVS Jupiter 110 is powered by a 113.3 cc, single cylinder, 4 stroke engine which generates a power of 5.9 kW at 6,500 rpm and a torque of 9.8 Nm at 5,000 rpm (with iGO Assist) and 9.2 Nm at 5,000 rpm (without Assist). The scooter is a direct competitor to Honda Activa in the family scooter segment.

SKODA SLAVIA MONTE CARLO

To commemorate the 112th year anniversary of Škoda's debut at Rallye Monte Carlo, Škoda Auto India has launched the all-new Slavia Monte Carlo edition. At the heart of this car beats the proven and tested 1.0 and 1.5 TSI engines. The 1.0 TSI is available with a six-speed manual and automatic. And the 1.5 TSI sends power to the front wheels through a seven-speed DSG. The company also introduced an all-new Sportline range within the Kushaq and Slavia line up. Slavia Monte Carlo price starts at ₹15,79,00 lakh and Sportline for ₹14,05,00 lakh. Kushaq Monte Carlo for ₹15,89,900 lakh and Sportline price starts at ₹14,70,00 lakh.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME

AFFIDAVIT
I, NAVEEN KUMAR KALLAHALLI VENKATESH, S/o. Venkateshappa, aged about 45 years, residing at # 28, 'Keerthana Nilaya', 3rd Cross, Kudlu Main Road, Sri Kandam Apartment, Somasandrapalya, Bangalore-560102 hereby declare that my names NAVEENKUMAR KALLAHALLI VENKATESH, NAVEENKUMAR VENKATESHAPPA KALLAHALLI AND NAVEENKUMAR K.V. belongs to me only, and all names belongs to one and the same person. Affidavit dated 21.09.2024 sworn before advocate and notary H.G. Venkataramu, Bangalore

AFFIDAVIT
I, SIKANDAR HASANSAB MULLA, is Father of Service No. 15334961Y, Rank: L/HAV, Name: RIYAZ MULLA. Unit: HQ MEG & CENTRE, resident of House: C/O 933, Yallimunnoli, Hukkeri, Yelimanoli, Belgaum, Karnataka-591309 I have changed my name from SHIKANDAR to SIKANDAR HASANSAB MULLA and my correct date of birth is 01/06/1963 but it mentioned as 01/07/1952 in my son service documents. I solemnly affirm and declare that both the names and DOB are indicating and referring myself as a same and one identical person, not different person whatsoever. Vide affidavit dated 20-09-2024 sworn before advocate and notary N. Thulasi, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, R P JANAHA, is the daughter of Service No. 15326143H, Rank: HAV, Name: M RAJASEKARAN. Unit: HQ MEG & CENTRE, resident of House: C/O Rajasekaran, 6/234, Vasantha Nagar, Vedasandur, PO: Vedasandur, Dist: Dindigul, have changed my name from JAHANA to R P JANAHA vide affidavit dated 20-09-2024 sworn to before notary N. Thulasi, Bangalore

AFFIDAVIT
I, KASHIMASAB HUSENASAB MUNDAGANOOR, is Father of Service No. 16123428W, Rank: L/HAV, Name: IMAMASAB MUNDAGANOOR. Unit: HQ MEG & CENTRE, resident of House: C/O 291, Mudhol Rasth, Chikkalagundi, Algundi, Bagalkot, Karnataka-587116 I have changed my name from KASHIMASAB to KASHIMASAB HUSENASAB MUNDAGANOOR and my correct date of birth is 01/01/1972 but it mentioned as 01/07/1961 in my son service documents. I solemnly affirm and declare that both the names and DOB are indicating and referring myself as a same and one identical person, not different person whatsoever. Vide affidavit dated 20-09-2024 sworn before advocate and notary N. Thulasi, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, J C Prasad S/o J V Chandrashekar, Residing at No.1116, JLB Road, Chamundipuram, Chamundi Extension, Mysuru- 560004 have changed my name to Prasad C vide affidavit dated: 20/9/2024 sworn before notary Onkarappa.N.R, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I. SHIVARATHNAMMA, W/O. SHIVANNA, Aged about 45 years, residing at No. 80/2, 2nd Main, 8th Cross, Kanteeravanagar, Nandini Layout, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru 560 096, have changed my name from S. PUTTAMMA to SHIVARATHNAMMA, vide affidavit dated 18/9/2024 sworn to before G.Dayananda advocate and notary Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, VENKATACHALAPATHI REDDY, S/o Venkata Reddy, r/at No. 12, Shiridi Sai Residency, Kurudusonnenahalli, Kithaganur Panchayath, K.R. Puram, Bangalore-49, permanent Address: 6-41, Ravari Palli, Irala, Chittoor, A.P.-517130 do hereby declare that my correct name is C VENKATACHALAPATHI REDDY, but in my SBI Bank Account my name is wrongly mentioned as VENKATESH REDDY instead of C VENKATACHALAPATHI REDDY, vide affidavit dated 21-09-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary G. RAJENDRA at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, NAGARAJAGUPTHA B.S. S/o Suresh Babu B.S, R/o No.129 2nd Main, 4th Cross, White City Layout, Seegehalli, Bengaluru - 560049, have changed my name from NAGARAJAGUPTHA B.S. to NAGARAJ GUPTA B S vide affidavit dated 16.09.2024 sworn before notary B.M. Chandrashekar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, RENU AHUJA, aged about 53 years, residing at No. 10, Srikari Residency, T3, 3rd Floor, Kempapura, HA Farm, Bangalore-560024, Karnataka State, India, have changed my name from RENU VISHNU AHUJA to RENU AHUJA, vide affidavit dated 21.09.2024, sworn to before Mohammed Hussain .K, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, B. Anjaneyalu, S/o. Venkataramappa, Aged about 63 years, Residing at No. 27, 1st Cross, H.M.R. Layout, Poornapura Gokul, Bengaluru - 560 054, do hereby declare that, my true name is B. Anjaneyalu which reflects in my Aadhaar Card and also in my academic records. I state that my name mentioned in my PAN Card BUDDAREDDYHALLY ANJANEYALU and in my previous Passport my name mentioned as BUDDAREDDY ANJANEYALU by oversight, the Passport authority has left out HALLY. I state that, in my name B. Anjaneyalu, wherein 'B' Indicates my surname as BUDDAREDDYHALLY ANJANEYALU vide affidavit dated 20.09.2024 sworn to before M. Rajendra, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, PRASANNA KUMAR M, aged 43 years, S/o. Marishamaiah, permanent resident of Doddachannohalli Village, Obalapura Post, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore, Karnataka - 562132, hereby state that I have changed my name from PRASANNA KUMARA M to PRASANNA KUMAR M, and that both the names belong to the one and the same person and shall henceforth be referred to as PRASANNA KUMAR M, in all future references vide affidavit dated 21st September 2024 sworn before the notary A R Muneer Ahmed, Bangalore.

DECLARATION
I, Adiveppa Haligoudar, Army No 7782141M Rank-NK (M.P) stationed at, Demo Provost Unit, declare that in my Army Service records my Mother's name and DOB is mentioned as Annapoorna / 08-06-1965. Her correct name is Annapurna Haligoudra and DOB is: 01-01-1968, vide Affidavit dt: 19-09-2024 before Notary B.M. Chandrashekar Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) SAVANT F/o 13628493A NK SUDHAKAR MALI residing at Kanagala, Kanagale, Belgaum, Karnataka 591225, have changed my Name from (OLD NAME) SAVANT to (NEW NAME)SAVANT RAMA MALI vide affidavit dated 18/09/2024 sworn before Notary Sivakumara M.N., Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, KRISHNA KUMAR LAKHOTIA, S/o Late Mr. Megh Raj Lakhotia, age 50 years, R/at #W1002, "Mantri Webcity", Hennur Main Road, Kothanur, Opp. New Horizon International School, Benglauru-560 077 do hereby declare that I have changed my minor daughter's name from SHRUSTI LAKHOTIA to SHRISTI LAKHOTIA, henceforth she shall be known and called as SHRISTI LAKHOTIA for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 19-09-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary G. RAJENDRA at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, VAJEEHA NAAZ, W/o Late. Anwar Baig, aged 64 years, residing at No.560/18, Santosh Nagar, Attur Layout, 2nd phase, Yelhanka New Town, Bangalore-560064, have changed my name to VAJIHA NAAZ, vide affidavit dated: 21.09.2024before Notary S.I Balaguru, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, JAYARAJ D, S/o. Deshappa, residing at No. 103, Yellappa Reddy Layout, Arekere, Bangalore-560076, declaring that JAYA alias JAYARAJ D alias JAYARAJ all names are one and belongs to me only, further I will use my name as JAYARAJ D for all future correspondence, vide affidavit dated 16.08.2024, sworn before notary Mohammed Hussain K, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Mr. Ram Nivas, S/o. Rameshwara Lal, Aged about 43 years, 2nd Cross, 8th Main, Judicial Layout, Yelahanka, Bengaluru - 560 065, do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from Master Kajoo to Master Kuldeep Singh vide affidavit dated 21.09.2024 sworn to before G.B. Turamari, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, Prasad Achar S/o. Late A. S. Lakshmipathy, aged about 51 years, R/at No. 634, 14th Cross, 29th Main, JP Nagar, 1st Phase, Bangalore - 560 078 , I state that my name is mentioned as Prasad Lakshmipathy in my 10th Grade Marks Card and other School Documents and Prasad Achar as in my Aadhaar Card, Passport and PAN Card I declare that both the above stated names are of one and same person.I request through this affidavit to consider my name as PRASAD ACHAR Sworn before Advicate and Notary S. N. Madhu wide affidavit dated 18.09.2024

CHANGE OF NAME
I, DILIP KR DAS, father of No. 16123899K, Rank Hav. Name Sudip Das, presently residing at Vill. Kamalpur, P.O. Khamargachi, P.S. Balagarh, Dist. Hooghly, PIN-712515, W.B., have changed my name from DILIP KR DAS to DILIP KUMAR DAS vide affidavit dated 03-06-2024 sworn to before notary A KR Saha, Serampore

DECLARATION
I, Adiveppa Haligoudar, Army No 7782141M Rank-NK (M.P) stationed at, Demo Provost Unit, declare that in my Army Service records my Father's name and DOB is mentioned as Bhimappa / 02-10-1959. His correct name is Bhimappa Haligoudra and DOB is: 01-01-1958, vide Affidavit dt: 19-09-2024 before Notary B.M. Chandrashekar Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) RADHABAI M/o NO.13628493A NK SUDHAKAR MALI., residing at Kanagala, Kanagale, Belgaum, Karnataka 591225, have changed my Name from (OLD NAME) RADHABAI to (NEW NAME) RADHABAI SAVANT MALI vide affidavit dated 18/09/2024 sworn before Notary Sivakumara M.N., Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, RAJESH .R, S/o T.S. Raghavan, age 45 years, R/at No. B-7, Kamala Mansion, Cannaught Road, Queens Road Cross, Benglauru-560 052 do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from VIHAAN RAJESH to VIHANN RRAJESH, henceforth he shall be known and called as VIHANN RRAJESH for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 20th Sept. 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary K.P. SUMANGALA at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, G.MOLLY is legally wedded spouse of 1384546X Rank EX Hav P VEMBULI residing at 140, 3rd Cross, Vinayaka Layout, Maragondanahalli, Krishnarajapura, Bangalore-560036, have changed my name from G MOLLY to MOLLY V, vide affidavit dated: 21.09.2024, before Notary S.Samuel Solomon, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, ARCHANA CHIDAMBARANATHAN holding Indian Passport Number Z3121168 D/o CHIDAMBARANATHAN RAMAKRISHNAN (Father) and UMA VENKATESWARAN (Mother) resident of No 202, Vishnudeep Apartments, 7th Main, Between 8th & 9th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru- 560003, have changed my name from ARCHANA CHIDAMBARANATHAN to ARCHANA NATHAN" vide affidavit dated: 20/9/2024 Before Notary Jalandhara Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, S. Mohan, S/o. Late Narayana, aged about 53 years, residing at Eguvapalli, Nellimandi VTC Somala, Nellimandi Post, Chittor District, Andrapradesh-517257, today at Bengaluru, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from SAKIBAND MOHAN REDDY to S. MOHAN, vide affidavit dated 21.09.2024, sworn to before Puttaramaiah, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SHIVA SWAMY S, aged about 47 years, S/o. Shivamallu, residing at No.51, 3rd Cross, Shiradi Sai Layout, Kulume Palya, Bannerughatta, Bangalore-560083, I state and declare that my father name was wrongly mentioned as CEMALLEGOWDARU in the old Passport, bearing Passport serial No. Y9679185, Issued date:04-10-2023, instead of his correct name SHIVAMALLU. vide affidavit dated: 02.09.2024 before advocate and notary Prakasha .C., Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, R P PRAVINA, is the daughter of Service No. 15326143H, Rank: HAV, Name: M RAJASEKARAN. Unit: HQ MEG & CENTRE, resident of House: C/O Rajasekaran, 6/234, Vasantha Nagar, Vedasandur, PO: Vedasandur, Dist: Dindigul, have changed my name from PRAVINA to R P PRAVINA vide affidavit dated 20-09-2024 sworn to before notary N. Thulasi, Bangalore

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CHANGE OF NAME
I, LATHADEVI N B W/o P E Naushad, residing at No. 24, Sindhu Nivas, Gangothri Nivas, Kalkere main Road, Yamakka Layout, Ramamurthy Nagar, Dooravaninagar Post, Bengaluru-560016. As per Adhar & Pan Card my name mentioned as LATHADEVI N B, And in Passport mentioned as LETHA DEVI NAUSHAD. Have changed my name from LETHA DEVI NAUSHAD to LATHA NAUSHAD for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 29th Aug 2024 sworn before Notary advocate Uday Kumar K, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SHIVAKUMAR KONERI S/o Veeranna, age 38 years, R/o Villa No. 110, Peninsula Solitaire, 6th Cross, Thindlu, Sarjapura, bangalore-562 125 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. SHIVAKUMAR and SHIVAKUMAR KONERI are one and the same and refers to me only, now I have changed my name from SHIVAKUMAR to SHIVAKUMAR KONERI, vide affidavit dated 20-09-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary ROOPA .G BHANDARE at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SUMAN, W/o. Krishnappa, residing at #78, Bananduru, Ittamadu (PO), Ramanagara Taluk & District, PIN: 562109, Karnataka State, today camping at Bengaluru have changed my name to B MANJULA, vide affidavit dated: 21.09.2024 before Notary S.I Balaguru, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, RANGANATHA DODDA AGRAHARA MALLEGOWDA S/o Mallegowda/ Mallegowda Magoodu, R/at Dodda Agrahara, Bukkapattana Hobli, Sira Taluk, Tumakuru- 572125, Campaning in Bangalore, have changed my name to RANGANATH DODDA AGRAHARA MALLEGOWDA vide affidavit dated: 20/9/2024 Before Notary K.V.Mani Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, Sri RAJASHEKAR CHIKKEGOWDA, aged about 44 years, S/o. Chikkegowda and Smt. SHILPA LAVAKUMAR, aged about 40 years, W/o. Rajashekar Chikkegowda, both are presently residing at No. 435, Rashi, 8th Main Road, ITI Layout, Mallathahalli, Bengaluru-560056. do hereby declare that we have changed our son's name from DUVIK RAJASHEKAR to DHRUV RAJASHEKAR, vide affidavit dated 20.09.2024, sworn to before Shreeshail B. Gobbani, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, PREETHI.Y D/o. Sri. Yathirajulu. K, aged about 21 years, residing at Flat No.403, Sai Sharan Residency, Ganigarapalya, Bengaluru-560061, Karnataka, have changed my name from PREETHI KOVI to PREETHI.Y vide affidavit dated 19-09-2024 sworn to before notary B.K.R.Krishnamurthy, Bangalore

AFFIDAVIT
I, LALABI KASIMSAB MUNDAGANUR, is Mother of Service No. 16123428W, Rank: L/HAV,Name: IMAMASAB MUNDAGANOOR. Unit: HQ MEG & CENTRE, resident of House: C/O 291, Mudhol Rasth, Chikkalagundi, Algundi, Bagalkot, Karnataka-587116 I have changed my name from LALABI to LALABI KASIMSAB MUNDAGANUR and my correct date of birth is 01/01/1979 but it mentioned as 01/07/1963 in my son service documents. I solemnly affirm and declare that both the names and DOB are indicating and referring myself as a same and one identical person, not different person whatsoever. Vide affidavit dated 20-09-2024 sworn before advocate and notary N. Thulasi, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, ASHIWINI LOCHERUVUPALLI SRINIVAS D/o Srinivas Locheruvupalli Sanamunivenkatappa, W/o Santosh Kumar, aged about 31 years, residing at No.4335, Subashchandra Bos Road, Near Kamakshmamma Temple, Muthyalpet, Mulabagal, Mulabagal Post & Taluk, Kolar District., Karnataka-563 131. I declare that have changed my name from ASHIWINI LOJARPALLI SRINIVAS to ASHIWINI LOCHERUVUPALLI SRINIVAS and have changed my father name from SRINIVAS LOJARPALLI SRINIVAS to SRINIVAS LOCHERUVUPALLI SANAMUNIVENKATAPPA, vide affidavit dated 20/9/2024 sworn to before P.Anuradha advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SRINATHA H A, S/o Ashwathappa, age 30 years, R/at No. 99, Halehalli Village, Masthi Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District-563139 do hereby declare that my correct name is SRINATHA .H.A but in my SSLC marks card, by oversight my name is mentioned as SRINATH .H.A instead of SRINATHA .H.A, vide affidavit dated 20th Sept. 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary N. NAGAPPA at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, RADHABAI W/o of No. 1307618, Ex-SEP Late M Rajagopal presently residing at No.23, Meanee Avenue Tank Road, Bangalore North, Sivan Chetty Gardens, Bangalore-560042, Karnataka have changed my name from RADHABAI to R RADHA, my date of birth is 27/05/1942 vide Affidavit dated 21/09/2024 before K. Venkateshan, Advocate and Notary, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, YESHESWINI BABU, R/at No.26/24,Near Saraswathi Nagar Marenahalli Vijayanagar, Bangalore -560040, have changed my name to YASHASWINI BABU, vide affidavit dated:21.09.2023 before Notary K.V. Mani, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SUPREETH BURJI, resident of House No. 864, 13th Main, Vinayaka Layout, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore, Karnataka-560072, do hereby declare that I have changed my son name from Shivansh to Shivansh S Burji, vide affidavit dated 21.09.2024, sworn to before Shreeshail B. Gobbani, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, NAVEEN KUMAR KALLAHALLI VENKATESH, S/o. Venkateshappa, aged about 45 years, residing at # 28, 'Keerthana Nilaya', 3rd Cross, Kudlu Main Road, Sri Kandam Apartment, Somasandrapalya, Bangalore-560102 have changed my son's name from MAHASVIN. N to MAHASVIN REDDY Affidavit dated 21.09.2024 sworn before advocate and notary H.G. Venkataramu, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, PALANIAMMAL K, is the wife of Service No. 15326143H, Rank: HAV, Name: M RAJASEKARAN. Unit: HQ MEG & CENTRE, resident of House: C/O Rajasekaran, 6/234, Vasantha Nagar, Vedasandur, PO: Vedasandur, Dist: Dindigul, have changed my name from R PALANIAMMAL to PALANIAMMAL K vide affidavit dated 20-09-2024 sworn to before notary N. Thulasi, Bangalore

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Mythri Movie Makers to distribute Dhruva Sarja's *Martin* in Nizam

Directed by AP Arjun, the film is set to release on October 11

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DHRUVA Sarja's highly anticipated action film, *Martin*, directed by AP Arjun, is slated for a global release on October 11 in over 13 languages. In a significant development, Mythri Movies Makers, a prominent production and distribution company in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, has come on board as a major backer. The film will be released in Nizam through Mythri Movies, with Uday Mehta confirming a massive release across more than 450 theatres.

Additionally, the team is currently finalising distribution plans for Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala. Talks are also underway for a Hindi dubbed version, with details expected to be announced soon. Furthermore, Saregama has acquired the film's audio rights for a substantial sum.

Dhruva Sarja's uncle and actor, Arjun Sarja has penned *Martin's* story. The film stars Vaibhavi Shandilya as the female lead and includes Anveshi Jain, Sukruta Wagle, Nathan Jones, Rubiel Mosquera, Achyuth Kumar, and Malavika Avinash.

Produced under the Vasavi Enterprises banner, *Martin* features a background score by Ravi Basrur, music by Mani Sharma, cinematography by Satya Hegde and action sequences choreographed by stunt masters Ram-Lakshman and Ravi Varma.

A still from the film

VIJAY KUMAR, JADESHAA HAMPI'S FILM TITLED *RACHAYYA*

The film's third schedule begins today, with the actor set to take on the titular role, joined by veteran actor Umashree

A SHARADHAA

VIJAY KUMAR, riding high on the success of his second directorial, Bheema, is now busy shooting for his next project, directed by Jadeshaa K Hampi. Currently in its third shooting schedule, which resumes today, VK29 has officially been titled *Rachayya*, with Vijay Kumar taking on the titular role. Set against the nostalgic backdrop of the 90s, the story draws inspiration from real-life events and K Shivaram Karanth's Chomana Dudi, with Vijay's character mirroring the essence of Chomana.

Vijay Kumar

Joining him as the female lead is Rachita Ram, reuniting with Vijay after they collaborated in *Johnny Johnny Yes Papa* (2018). Interestingly, veteran actor Umashree will portray the protagonist's mother, revisiting their well-received combination from *Bheema Theeradalli*. This mother-son duo is sure to catch the attention of audiences once again. The film also stars Raj B Shetty as antagonist.

Umashree

Rachayya also marks the film debut of Vijay Kumar's daughter, Ritanya. Produced by KV Satya Prakash, the film features dialogues penned by Kaatera-fame Maasthi and cinematography by Swamy.

Filming is currently taking place in locations such as Kolar and Gudibande. The first look of Rachayya is set to be unveiled on November 1 coinciding with Kannada Rajyotsava.

A still from the film

Bhairadevi's success will decide my future: Radhika Kumaraswamy

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RADHIKA KUMARASWAMY, the multifaceted actor and producer of *Bhairadevi*, expresses her deep commitment to the film, stating, "If the audience loves *Bhairadevi*, I will continue my film journey. If not, this will be my last film. The film's success will decide my future." The film is set to release on October 3, just in time for the Dasara festival.

Directed by Srijai, who also penned the story and screenplay, the film dives into the eerie world of a haunted house. It follows a police officer facing challenges that lead him into the mystical world of the Aghoris in Kashi. Radhika, who portrays a devoted Aghori, mentions that *Bhairadevi* is more than just a horror film. "The film carries an important message about courage and love," she notes.

Ramesh Aravind plays a key role in the film, and Radhika believes his part is essential. "If Ramesh hadn't agreed to be part of this film, it wouldn't have happened. His role is fantastic, and the project only began because he agreed to participate," she says.

The film has a cast, including Ravishankar, Rangayana Raghu, and Anu Prabhakar, making it a noteworthy production. Reflecting on the project's inception, Radhika shares, "If director Srijai hadn't come to our house one day to share the story, this film and my role wouldn't have happened. Everyone has worked hard on this project."

A still from the film

Radhika Kumaraswamy

Arjun Kishore Chandra launches new music video titled *'Sarvasva'*

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ARJUN KISHORE Chandra, known for his role in the film *Life 360*, has ventured into both acting and directing with the newly released music video *'Sarvasva'*, produced by Rajasekhar S. Arjun is particularly excited that the song is being unveiled on PRK Audio. Speaking to *CE*, he expresses his admiration for the late Puneeth Rajkumar and revealed that the song, which he penned, will be available for viewing on PRK Audio.

"Creating art gives me happiness, identity, a job, and ultimately makes our lives better. My team and I are continuously striving to create something that makes this world a better place. An idea in mind and heart, when executed, brings satisfaction. We, as artists, keep growing with every craft of art that we create," he says. The music video was filmed in Europe. "This isn't just a song," Arjun states, adding, "To truly love a woman, you must accept her as she is. Additionally, we encourage adopting homeless children and giving them hope, and that's what has been highlighted through the music video. Through *'Sarvasva'*, we aim to convey an important message within a commercial framework."

MURPHY GETS RELEASE DATE

The makers also unveiled a new track titled 'Mogachi' after announcing the release date

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RECENTLY, the makers of the upcoming film *Murphy*, announced that the film is all set to hit theatres on October 18. They also unveiled a dance number from the film, titled 'Mogachi'. The song features Prabhu Mundkur and Roshni Prakash, along with Ila Veermalla and HG Dattatreya, all of whom bring youthful energy to the screen.

Composed by Arjun Janya, who has crafted seven songs for *Murphy*, and penned by Dhananjay Ranjan, 'Mogachi' marks a lively shift from the soulful melodies fans might be accustomed to. Set against the backdrop of a breathtaking 400-year-old Goan mansion, the song captures the essence of Goan life. Directed by Urvi, Pradeep Varma, this track pays tribute to the rich Goan Portuguese and Konkani cultures, with choreography by Madhuri Parashuram, and vocals from Rajat Hegde and Nadia Rebelo.

Ram Ko Somanna and BSP Varma produce *Murphy* under the banners of Somanna Talkies and Varnasindhu Studios. The film has been censored with a U certificate and is billed to be one that blends fun and emotions, making it a perfect option for viewers of all ages.

A still from the film

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Aditya Shasikumar to headline *Raashi*

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ADITYA SHASHIKUMAR, the son of popular Kannada actor Shashikumar, is set to headline the upcoming film Raashi, directed by Vijay Palegar. This film marks Aditya's third project in a lead role and the first under his new screen name. He was previously known as Akshith Shashikumar. He recently shared at the film's launch event, "This is my third film as the lead actor, and I am thrilled with the story!" After its recent muhurath ceremony, *Raashi* is gearing up to go on floors.

After a visit to Mantralaya, where the idea for the film began to develop, Akhilesh reached out to director Vijay Palegar to bring his vision to life. The story comes from Akhilesh, who has also produced the film, while Vijay not only directs but has also penned the script and composed the music. The director, who has previously helmed Trigger, is making his sophomore directorial with *Raashi*.

The technical team of *Raashi* includes dialogue writer Abhinandan Deshapriya, cinematographer Naveen Surya, editor KM Prakash, music composer Manju Mahadev and stunt director Bande Chandru. The film also features Sameeksha as the female lead, alongside actors Kari Subbu, Ugram Ravi, and Huli Karthik in important roles.

A still from the film